

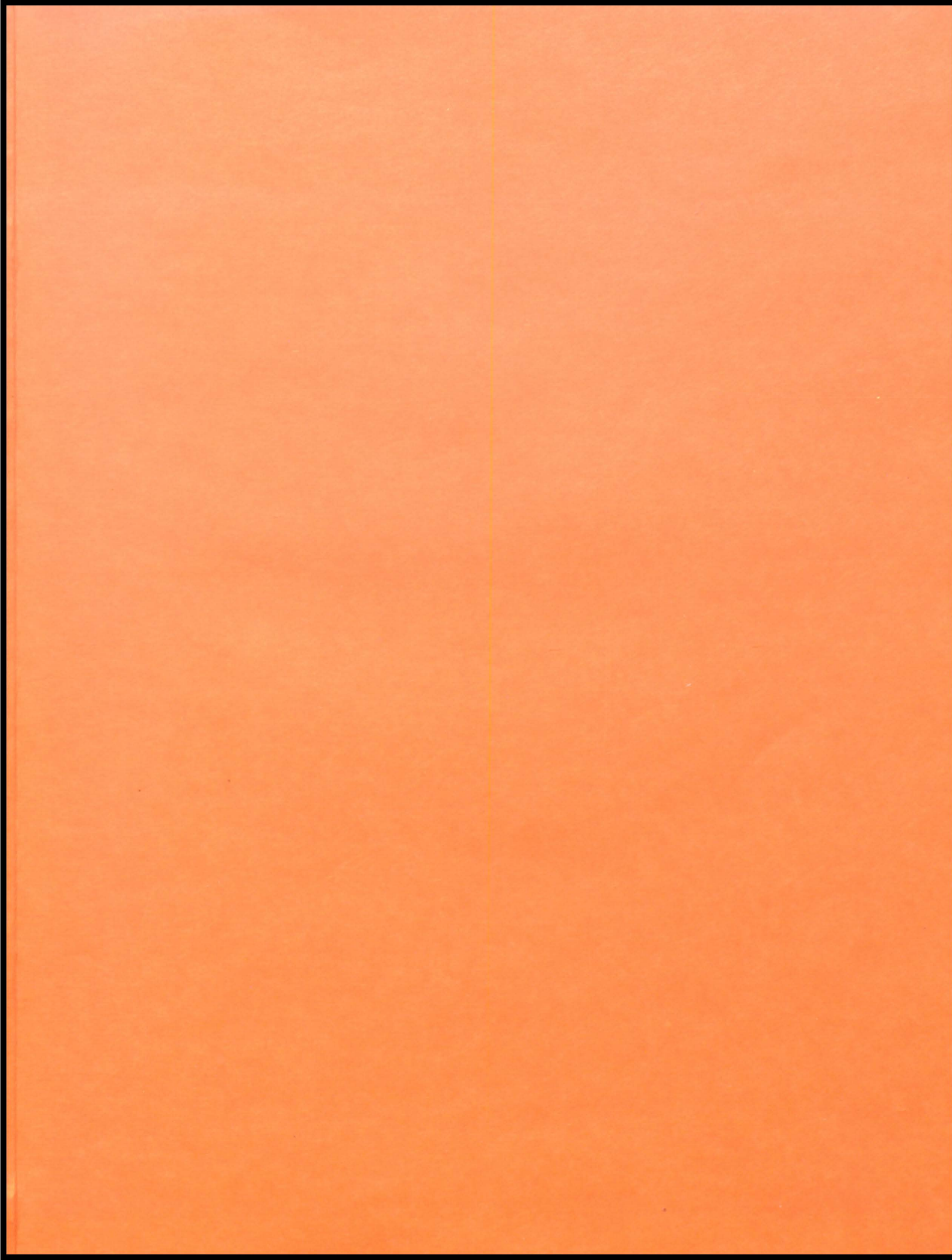
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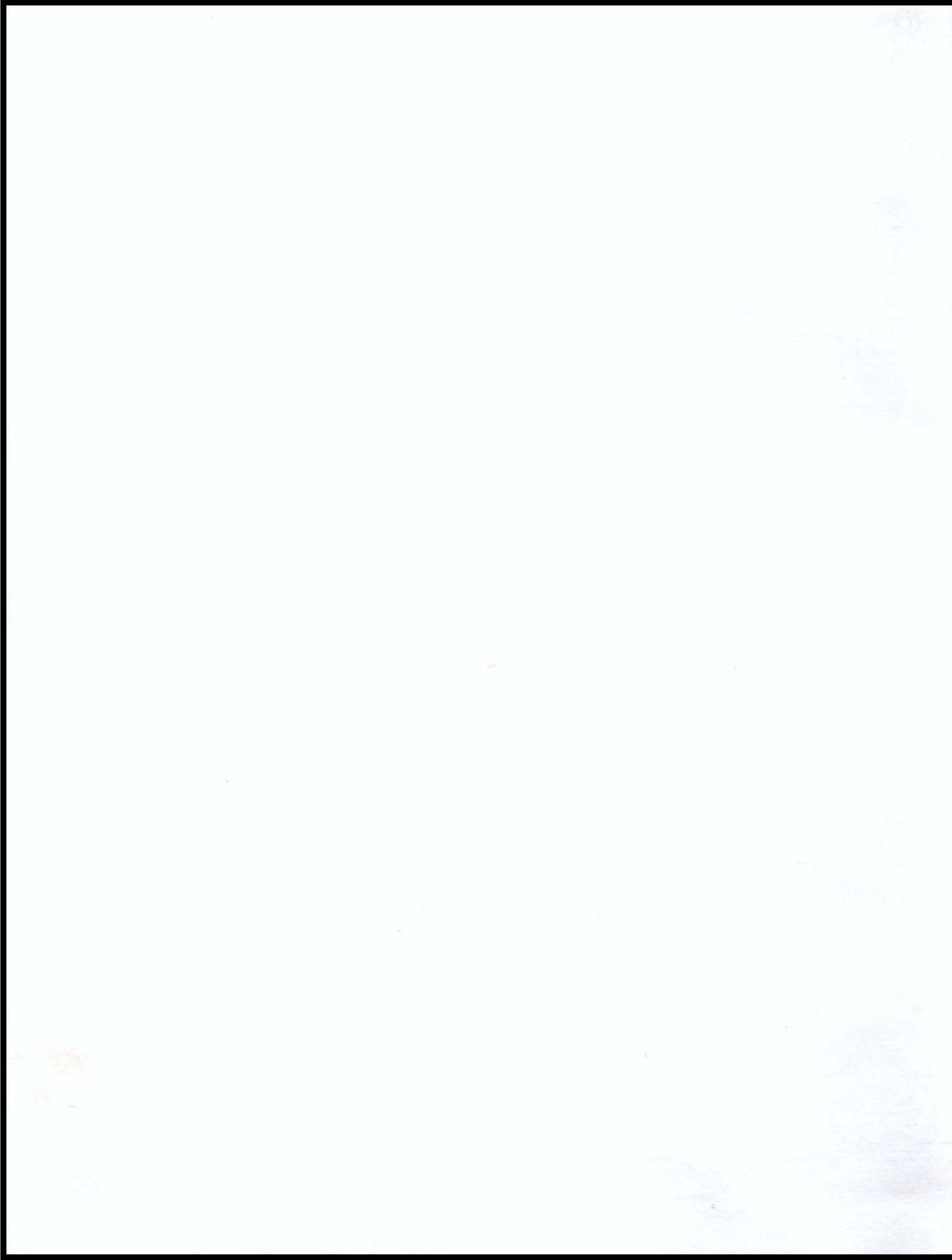






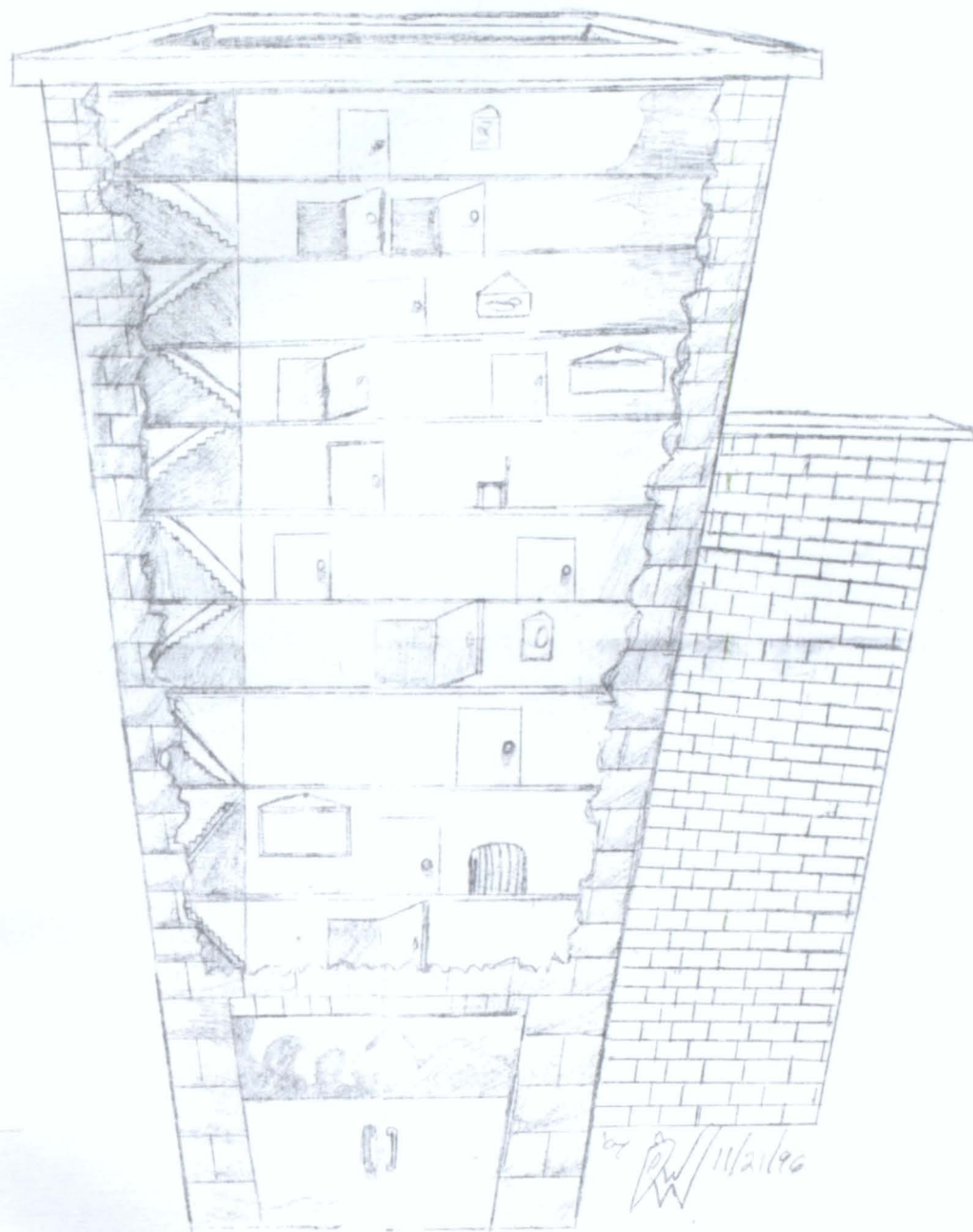








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## Building Tomorrow Together



**PRESSING FORWARD:** Mrs. Bailey spends some time working over the rough spots in a report with Mrs. Towe. She always has a plan for dealing with problems.



**ALONG LIFE'S WAY:** Mrs. Bailey is showered with congratulations on her birthday. It was a very happy day for her.



# A CLASS BUILDER

The Senior Class Dedicates Legend '97 to Mrs. E. Bailey

With sincere love and gratitude, we the Class of Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-seven are honored to dedicate this Volume of the Legend to our class Vice Principal, Mrs. Edna Bailey.

You watched over us for four years and helped us survive our high school years. There is sadness for the things we will miss about you: your firm motherly ways and good guidance, your reminding us about our noise in the hallways, your eagerness to close the curtains during show time if our dances were not appropriate and your friendly smile.

You have helped us to realize that if you believe in yourself your dreams will come true. We are thankful for your presence and guidance during our four years at Weequahic High School.

## Some Things Speak for Themselves

"Mrs. Bailey is a great Vice Principal, as well as a great person to know. I think she does a very good job, even though she is the only female Vice Principal who understands the children. Keep up the good job!"

Tonisha N. Lowe

"Knowing Mrs. Bailey is like having a mother away from home."

Taiesha N. Jenkins

"May God continue to bestow His blessings upon you."

Quadiyyah Douglas

"We know that you will continue to watch over everyone at Weequahic."

Zykia Johnson

"Keep that warm smile. Continue to be dedicated to the cause...Education."

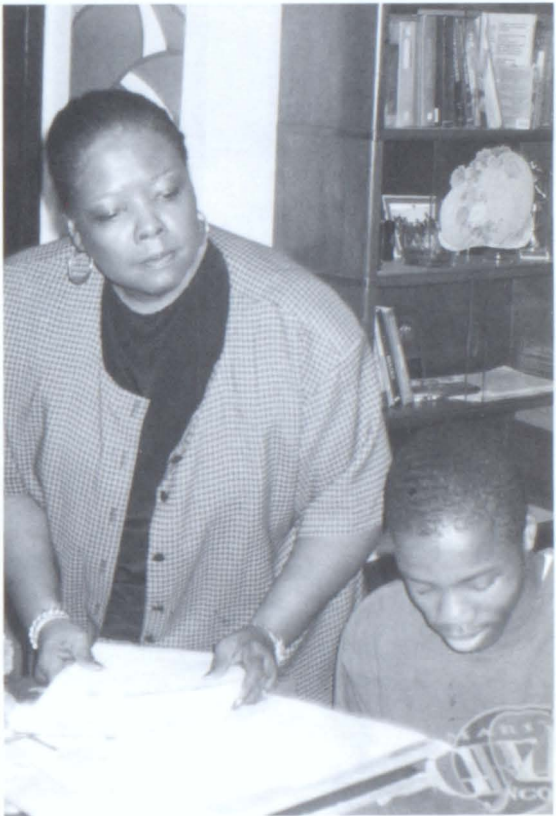
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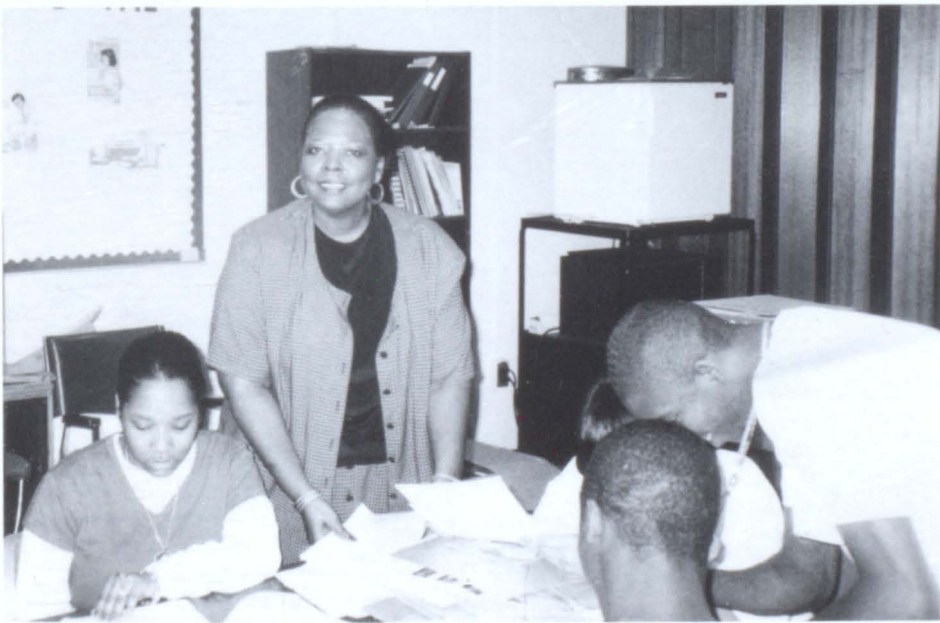


**A DEDICATION:** The Senior Class is happy to dedicate this year's Legend to our Vice-Principal, Mrs. Edna H. Bailey. She has inspired others to think and do big things.

**ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE:** Organizing our school's Middle States Evaluation was a large undertaking. Mrs. Bailey's devotion to this duty has been an example to all.



**THE FUTURE:** Mrs. Bailey strives to train a student in body, mind and soul. She has served our school well.



**RELIABLE AND ENERGETIC:** Seniors call on Mrs. Bailey one more time to secure her help and service. They find her to be completely capable.











Seniors Aneesah Williams, Ibari Anaele, and Keisha Witherspoon work with Mrs. Denise Rashid, Senior Class Co-Advisor, with cap and gown measurement information.

Ms. Debra Walker, Senior Class Co-Advisor, continues to show her support to the Class of 1997 as they prepare for their final walk through Weequahic High School.



# Poem To The Class of 1997

## You Can Do Anything You Believe You Can

Just start somewhere. Resolve to do something. You might even write out what you want to accomplish. Then explore what you need to do to reach your goal, and start doing it, step by step. It's the same as if you were planning a trip: you get a map, make your preparations, and then start traveling the right road.

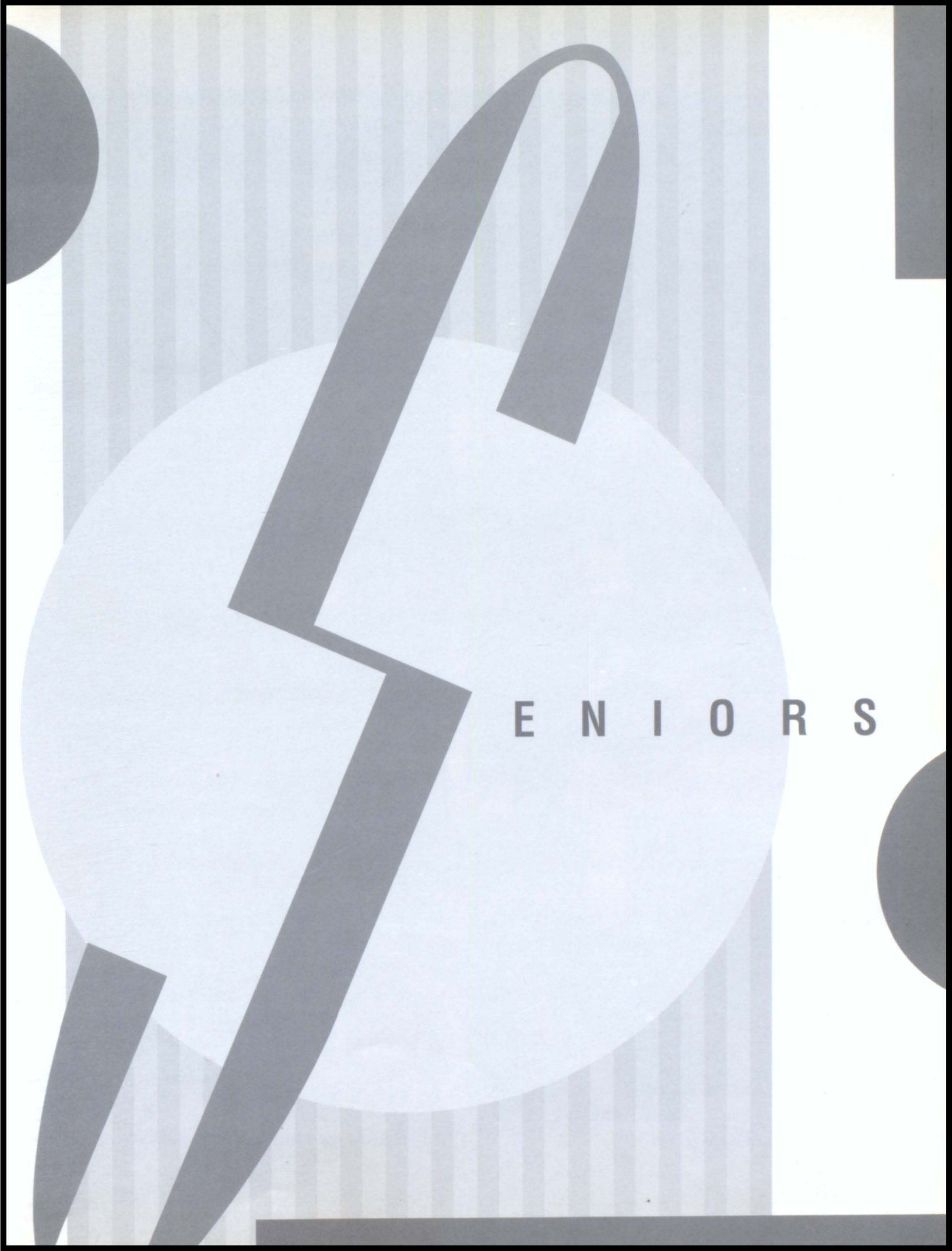
Don't get "bound up" in any problems that stand in your way. Do something every day to resolve them. Trust your instincts. Do one thing at a time.

Remember... if you sow seeds of fear, doubt, panic, and procrastination, it will most likely work against you. If you keep doing the same things you're doing now you will keep ending up in similar places to where you are now.

Once you start making progress towards your goal, you will be magically propelled towards eventual reward. Just keep listening and taking direction from inside you. Remember what you have learned at Weequahic High School. Be patient; your dreams will not come true overnight. But start now, and go with love and courage and confidence. Don't be afraid. You can do anything you believe you can. Don't forget to keep an open mind and heart to check yourself along the way.

You the graduating class of 1997, will always have a special place in our hearts. We wish you much success in the future. No matter what your goal is after high school. The important thing is that you continue to strive to develop the best in yourself.

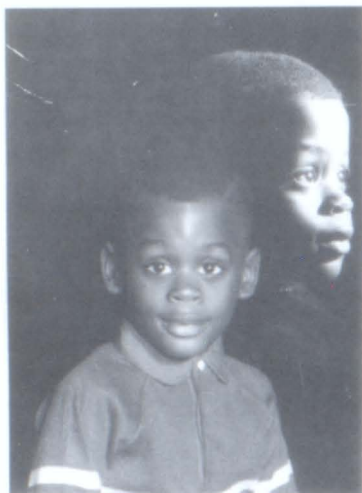
Your Class Advisors,  
Denise Rashid & Debra Walker



E N I O R S



# Parent's Favorites:



Meet Aza S. Walker a real Toys-R-Us kid.



Shana Walker eyes the competition. Go Shana!



Shakirah Porter thinks it's better to work out than to rust out.



Marvin Brown is freestylin' as a young buck!



Hisa Mike is screaming to get out!



Do you know what Shafeqah Calder is pondering right now?



*Khalia Byrd*



*Latusha Carmichael*



*Celeste N. Eaddy*



*Kizzy and Antwan Calhoun*



*Camille Campos*



*Tamika Crenshaw*



*Juanita Days*



*Latasha Foushee*



*Tamara Gray*



# Tomorrow's Future Stars



Erica Hall stands proud.



Hey, anybody recognize me?



Shakima Black is the picture of innocence.



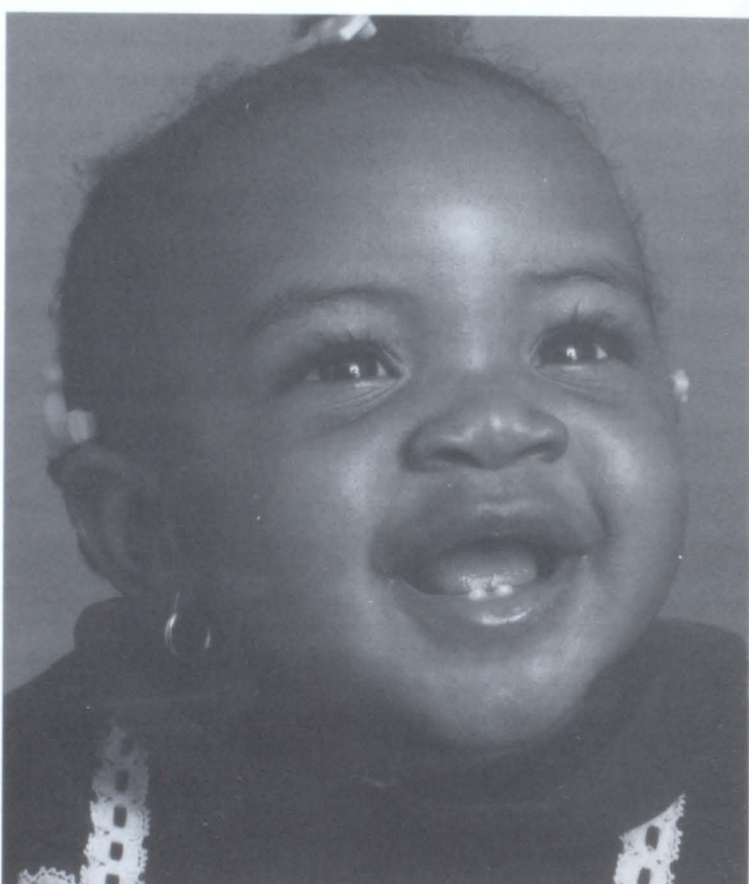
Who are you scopin' out Inrdees Qawiy?



Talk to me, Fuquan Ellison, it can't be all that bad.



Jaret Redding opens wide for the doctor.



Myeshia N. Williams smiles "real" big for the camera.



*Latesha Humphrey*



*Halimah Jacobs*



*Taeisha N. Jenkins*



*Calethia Jones*



*Wydiah Marsett*



*Zakina McDaniel*



*Alexis Rainey*



*Lakeisha Smith*



*Stanley Turner*



# On The Road To Success



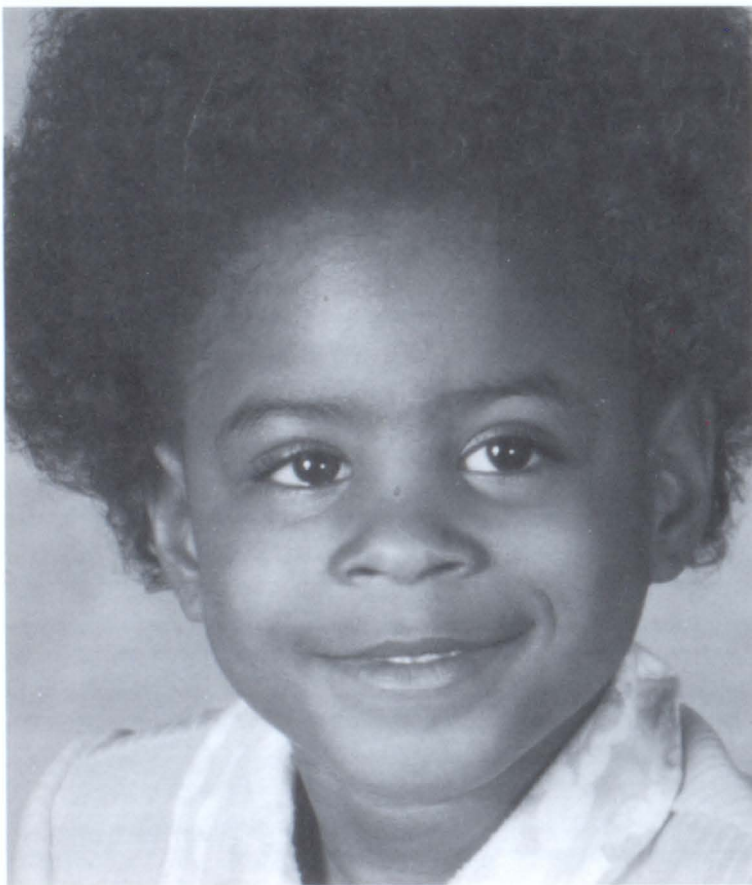
Felicia Birth wants her shades.



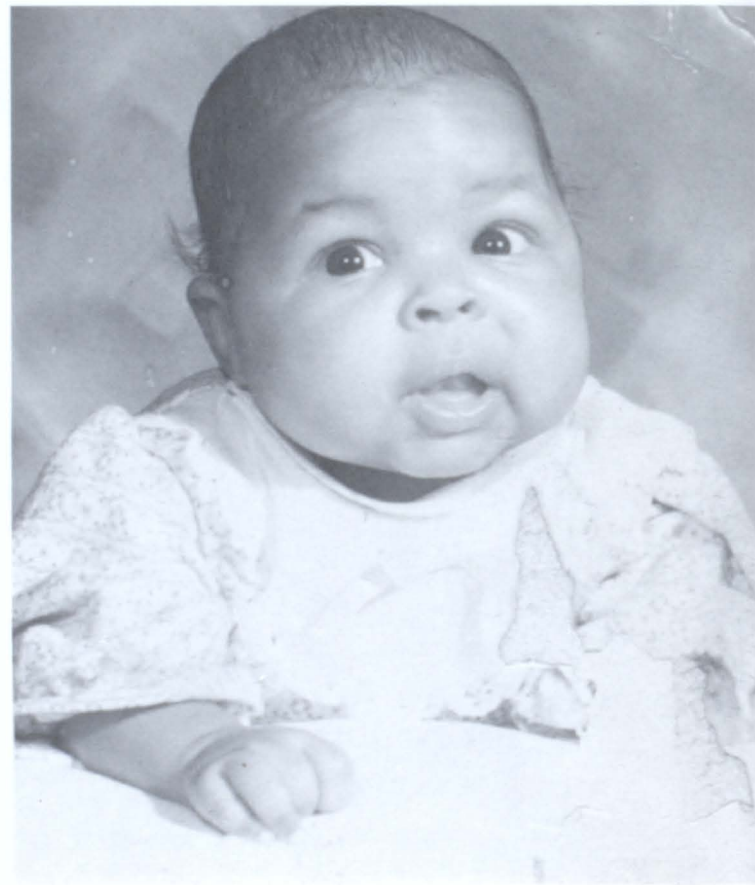
Great teeth, Taliyba Heard!



Little Miss Tashida Daniels is ready to step out.



That look of confidence will go a long way Tanha Curry.



Rashedah Fant has her eyes on the prize.



*Yassriyyah Asberry*



*Quadir Holman*



*Quaadir Johnson*



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*Cha-Netta Odom*



*Kenyatta Steed*



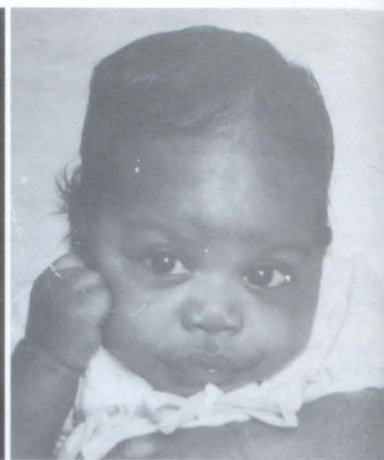
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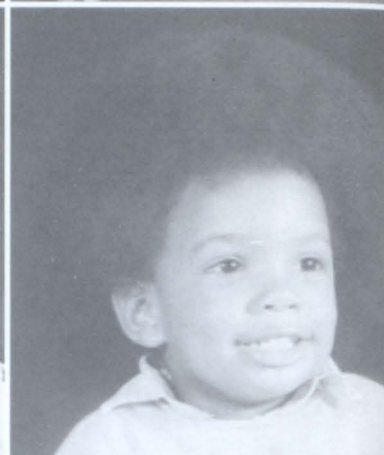
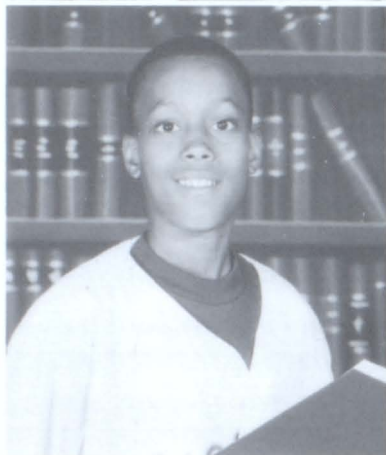
*Latasha Verdiner*



Theodore Bryant  
Qwensheta Bradley  
Latifa Dean



Marod Harris  
Paryss Michelle Whitaker  
Salah Williams



## Best Memories: Words To Live By...



Q

What is the clearest memory you will take with you from High School?

A

Experience is the best teacher."

Cha-Netta Odom

"Always be yourself, even if you stand alone, because if you don't stand for something you will fall for anything."

Adenah Bayoh

"Often the test of courage is not to die but to live."

Jennieve Brummel

"Don't judge others until you, yourself have been judged."

Aza Walker

"Knowledge is power."

Keith Story

Lookin' good  
Tremmell  
Southernland.  
Love the curls!



Le'Var Harper  
LaTrisha Martin  
LaToya Morton



Denise Ramsey  
Shamar Reddick  
Keyama Sheffield



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Jameel H. Williams



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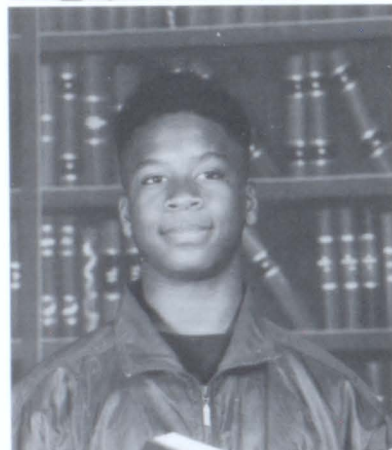
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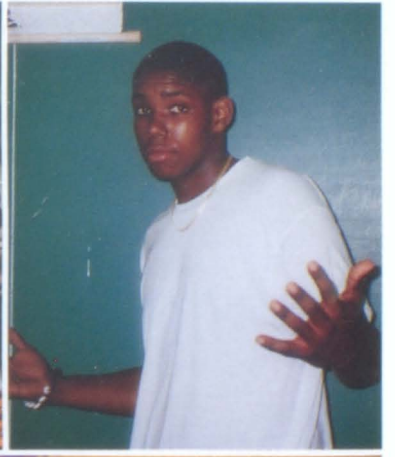
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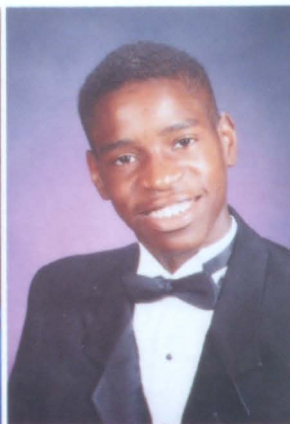






## Introducing the Class of 1997

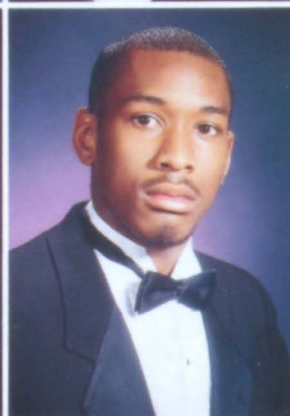
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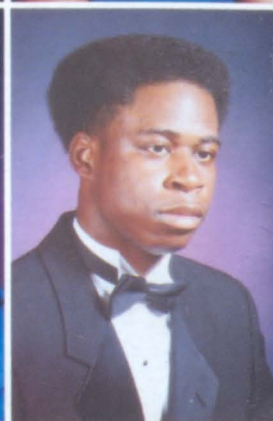
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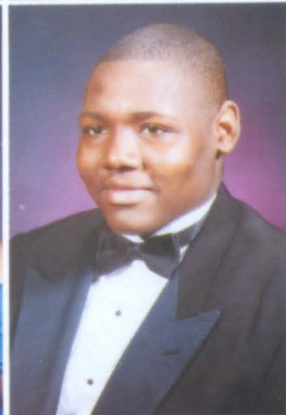
## The Starting Line-Up



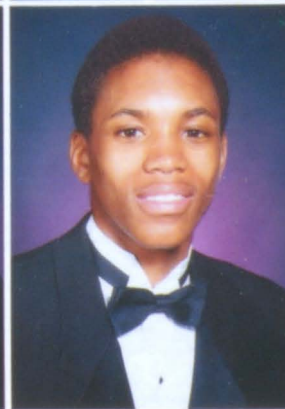
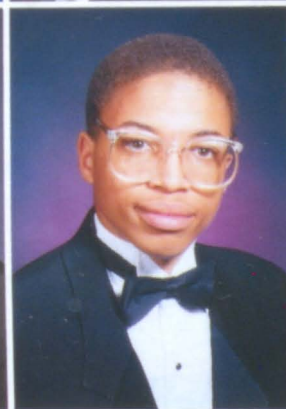
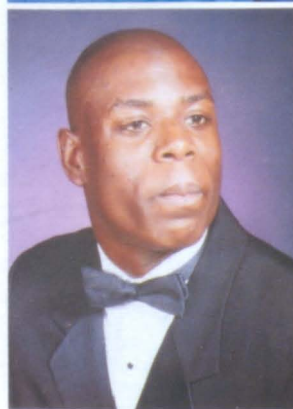
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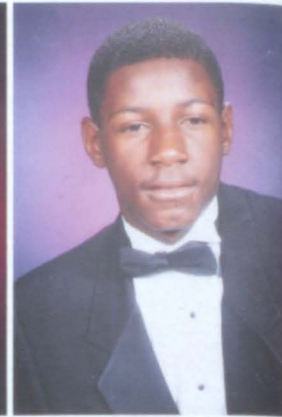
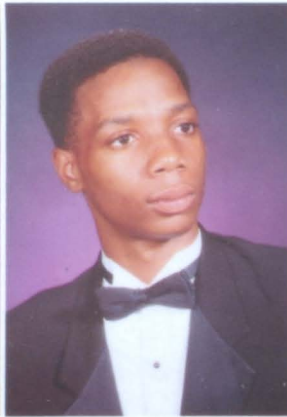
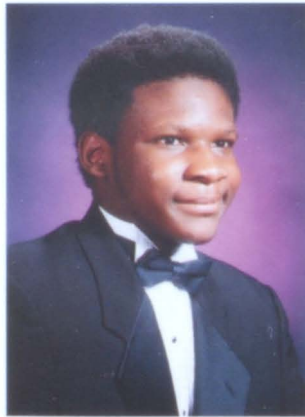


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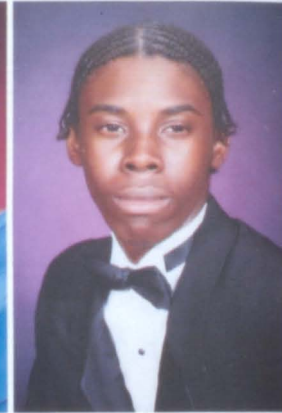


## As Good As Gold

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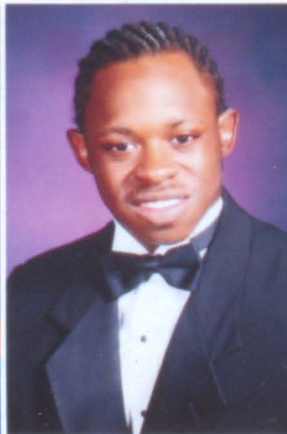
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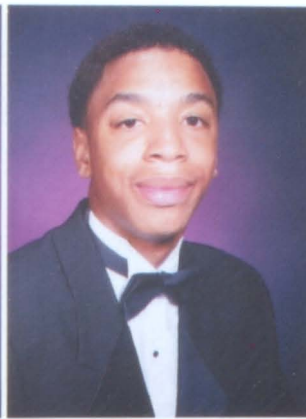


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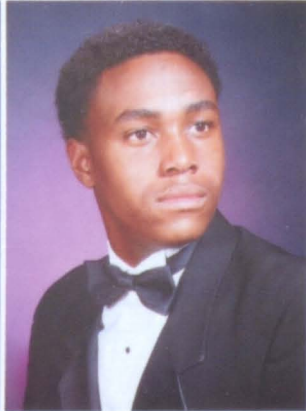
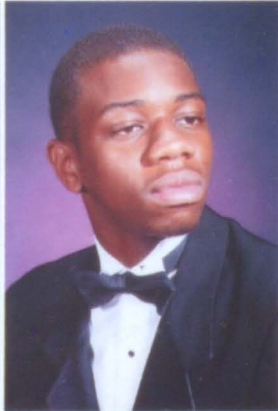
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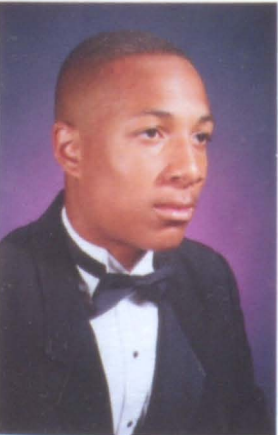
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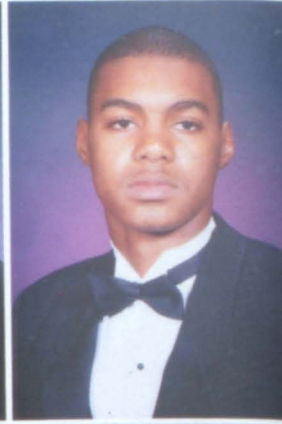
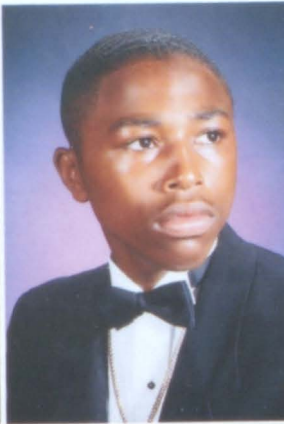
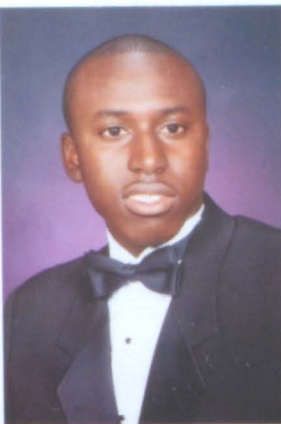
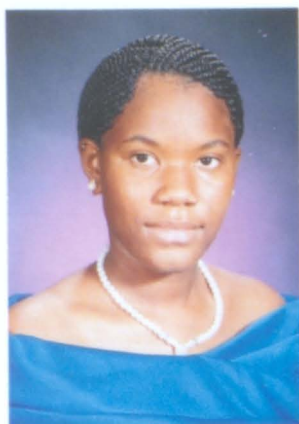


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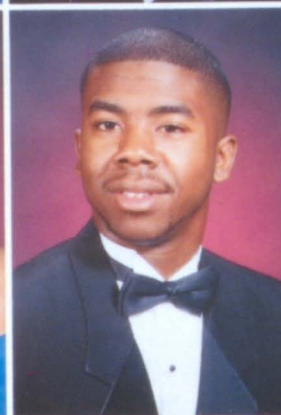
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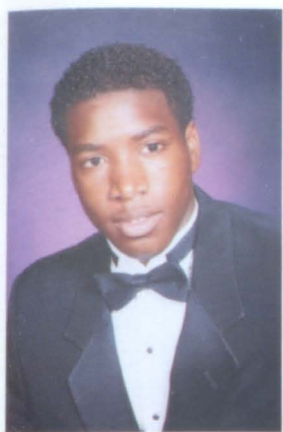


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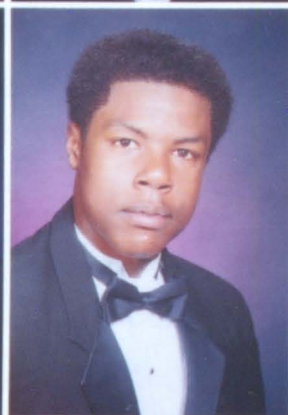
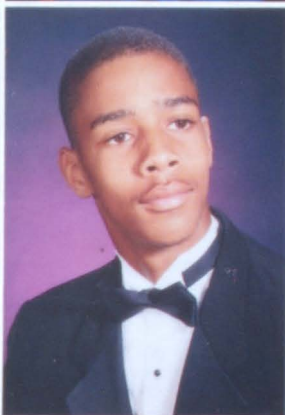
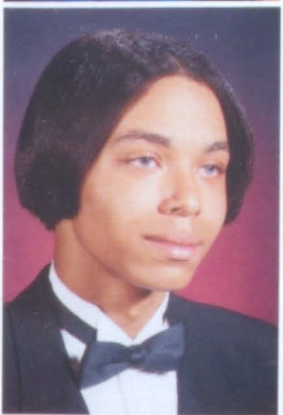
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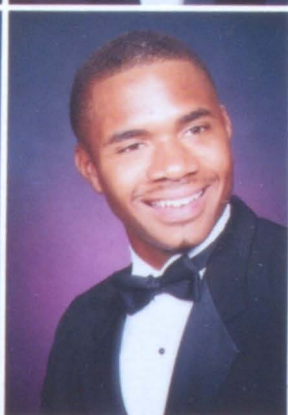
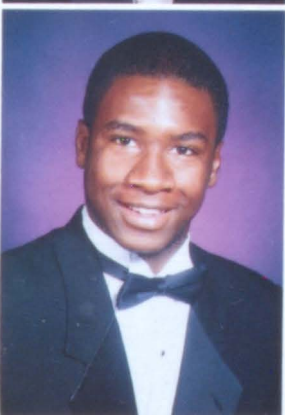
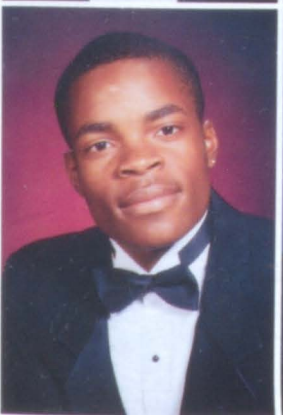
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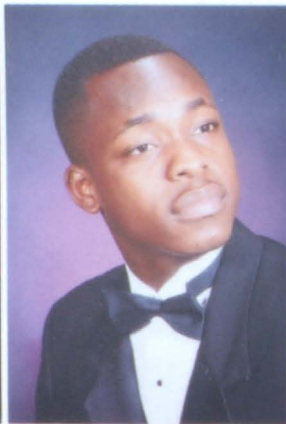
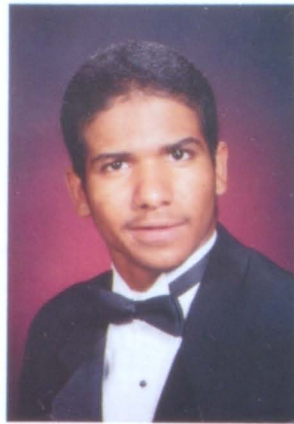
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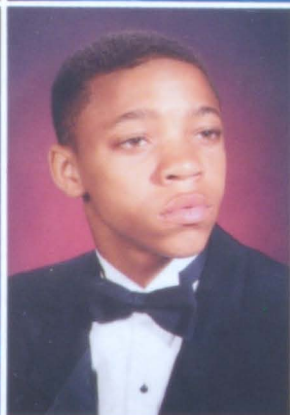


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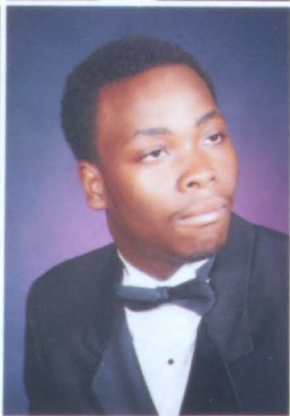
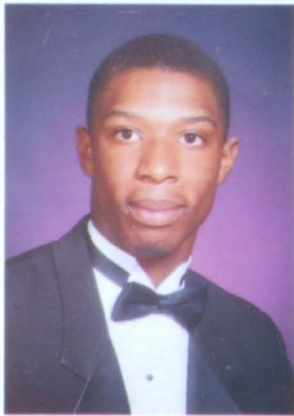
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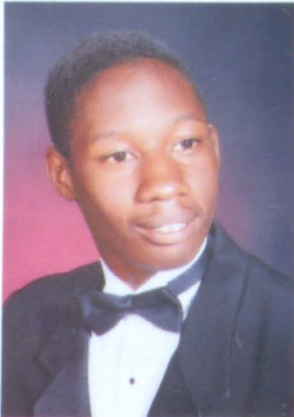
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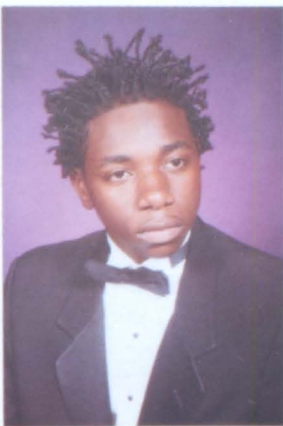


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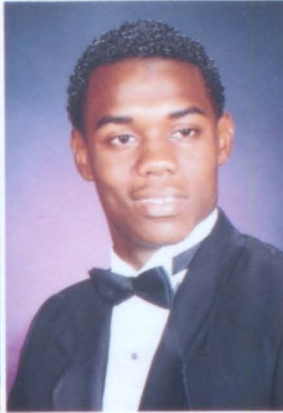
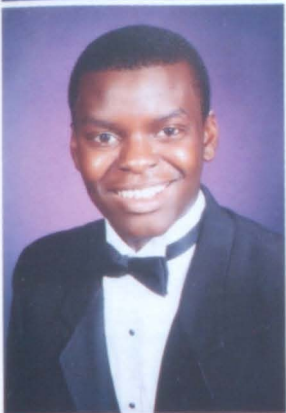




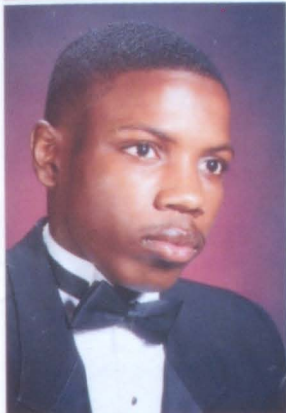
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Muqet Rahman  
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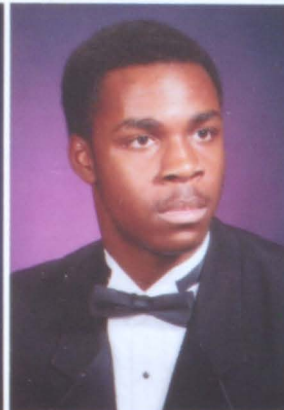
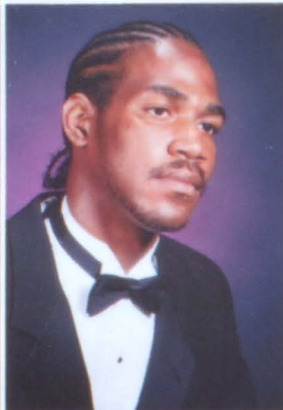


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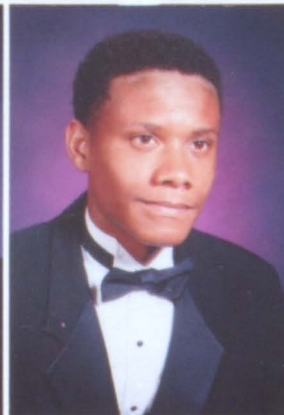
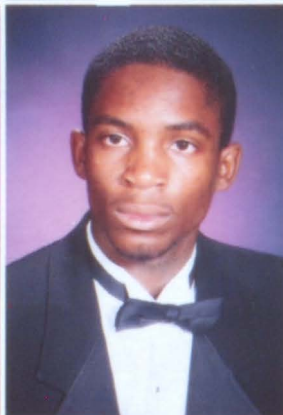
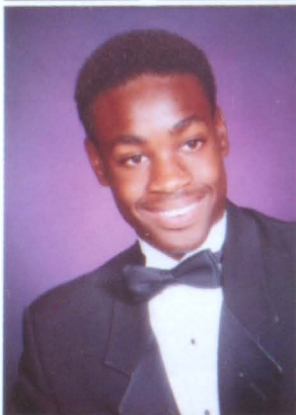
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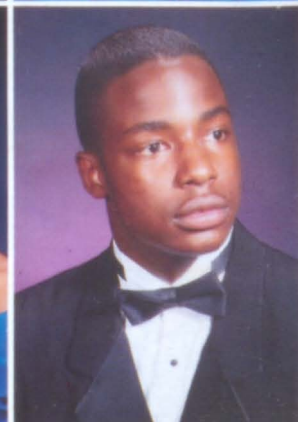
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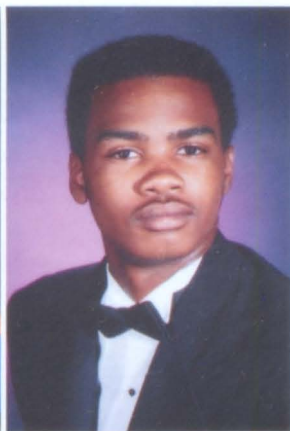
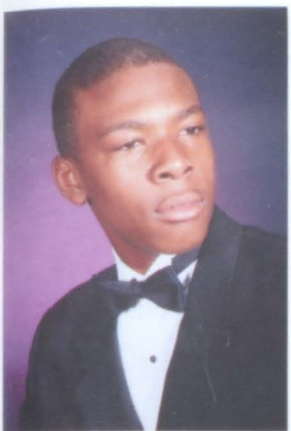


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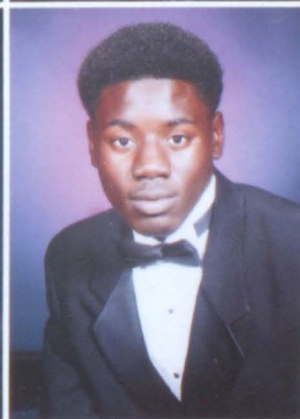
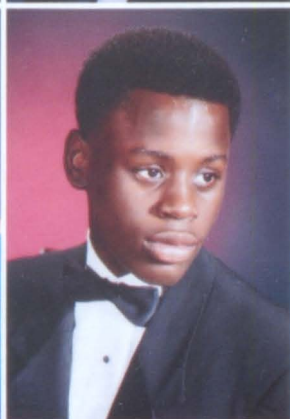




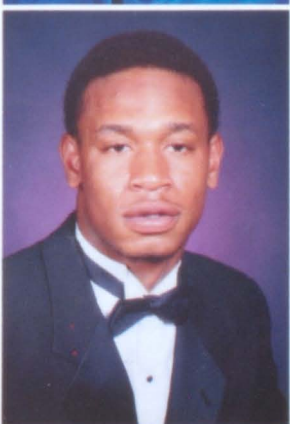
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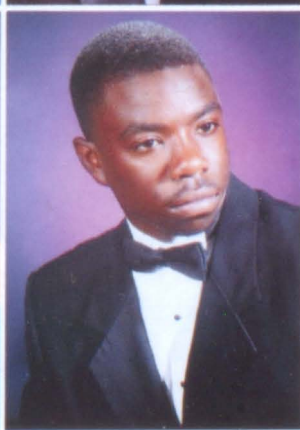
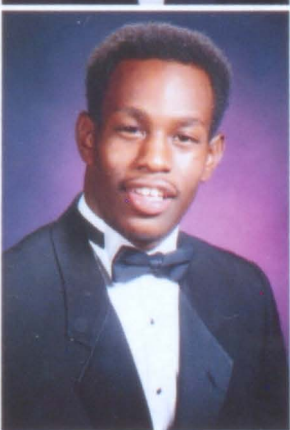
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Wali Thomas  
Stanley Turner



Twinkle Walker  
Latasha Nicole Verdiner  
Aza Walker  
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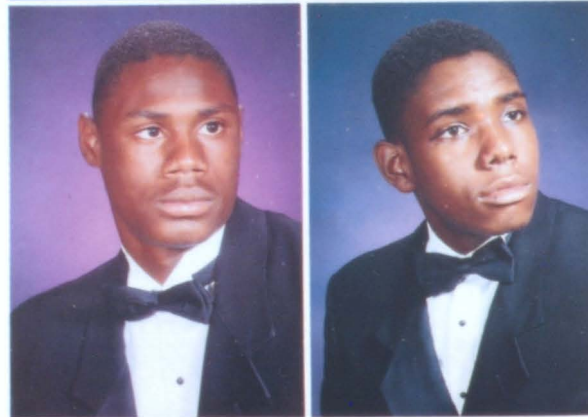


## The End of the Line

Jennifer Williams  
Myeshia N. Williams



Qamar Williams  
Salah Williams



Keisha Witherspoon  
Lakeisha Wright



Marsett Wydiah



## Senior's Fondest Memories

Best part of being a Senior...

Worst part of being a Senior...

Number one song...

Number one movie...

Number one hangout spot...

Number one excuse for  
being late...

Number one friend...

Number one teacher...

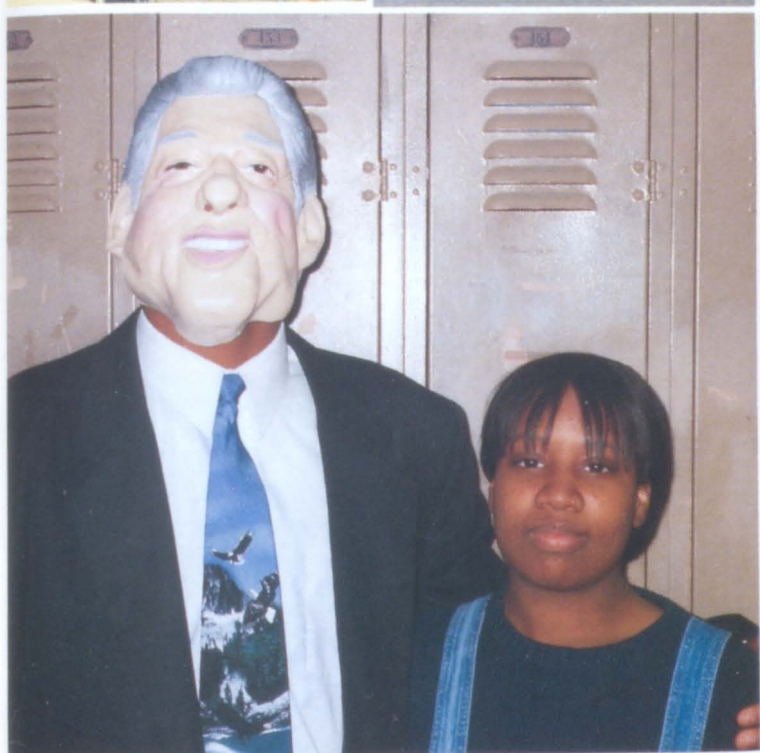
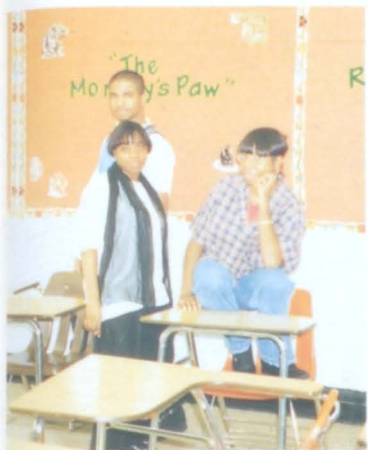
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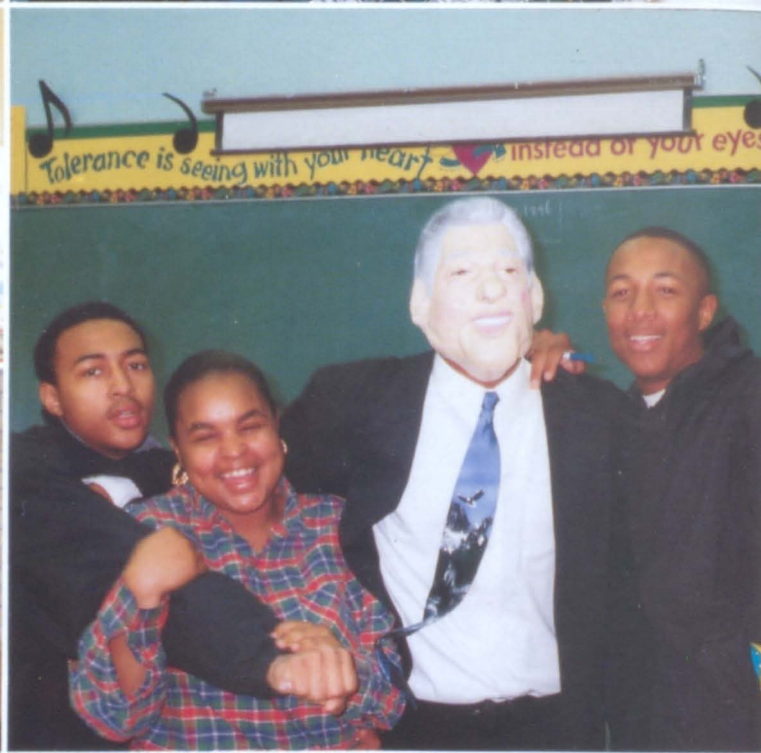
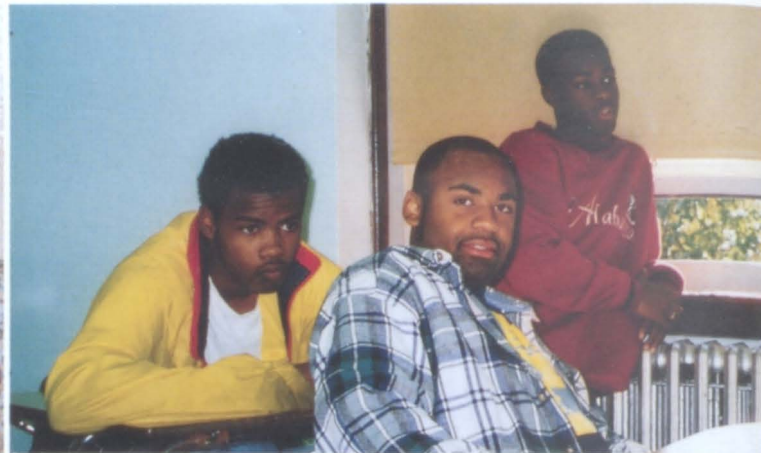
Future plans...

Fondest high school  
memory...













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### **VALEDICTORIAN: Miss Rashedah Iesha Fant**

"You never know what you can do until you try. When leaving high school we will encounter many trials and tribulations. As high school graduates we should have a strong determination to fulfill all our goals. Always keep in mind there are no roses without thorns. We must believe in ourselves and have high self-esteem. In our future life we only fail if we fail to try. There is one person that will always be there for support, God." FAVORITE MUSIC: Gospel, ZODIAC SIGN: Aquarius, FAVORITE BOOK: Lord of the Flies, FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Boyfriend's house, FAVORITE MOVIE: Sister Act II, BEST SUBJECT: Science, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Choir, Math Olympics, National Honor Society, Future Teachers, Scholarship Club, Peer Leadership



### **SALUTATORIAN: Mr. Keith Story**

"Be responsible for your actions. Wisdom will come with experience and knowledge. Knowledge is the key to success. If there is a door in your way, use that key to open your mind to better chances, education, higher standards and quality of living. Be true to yourself, your family, your friends and God. Most of all knowledge is power. Once you have obtained this, never let it go. Strive for more and more. Keep your head up, stay proud and humble." FAVORITE SONG: "So Many Tears" (Tupac), ZODIAC SIGN: Libra, FAVORITE BOOK: Black Boy, FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT: Kennedy's, FAVORITE MOVIE: Menace II Society, BEST SUBJECT: Math, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, Computer Class, FAVORITE THING TO DO AFTER SCHOOL: Go home, relax, and listen to music.



### #3. Candice Cooke

"Your mind is your most powerful resource, if you use it and don't waste it, you will succeed. I would like to thank my mother for helping me in my studies and encouraging me to stay in school. She taught me to try and do my best. I also would like to thank my sister Kisha for being there for me when I needed her, in good times and in bad times. Last, but not least, I want to thank my grandma and all of my teachers who stood by me."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"All Eyes On Me" by Tupac

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Aquarius

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Green Eggs and Ham

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
A Time to Kill

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
History

**FAVORITE THING TO DO  
AFTER SCHOOL:**  
Hang out with my friends.

### #4. Kenyatta Steed

"After high school I plan to attend Rutgers University, College of Arts and Sciences to pursue a degree in Biomedical Sciences. Next, I intend to realize my goal by attending medical school. Some day I would like to return to my community to open a pediatric clinic and center. Currently, I am standing up to be autonomous, assertive and ambitious about pursuing my career goals and aspirations. I encourage each member of the Class of 1997 to do the same."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"I Believe I Can Fly"

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Pisces

**FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:**  
Red Lobster

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
Malcolm X

**BEST SUBJECTS:**  
Algebra and Human  
Anatomy & Physiology

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Scorpions

### #5. Kizzy Calhoun

"Knowledge is a tool that can be obtained by anyone, so you should use it as much as possible. Use some of that knowledge to pursue your dreams. Remember that everyone can dream but only a wise person knows how to go after his/her dreams without letting anyone stand in his/her way. Remember your education does not stop here. May God bless you in all of your journeys that you will take throughout life."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"Let it Flow"

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Aquarius

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Waiting to Exhale

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
Set It Off

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
English

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Treasurer of the "Class of '97"  
Student Council, Scholars Club,  
and Close-up Club



# **#6. Tamara Gray**

"Don't be judged by your character alone, but also by the knowledge you have! Character is just an image of your shadow if you do not have knowledge. Your mind is your most powerful weapon! Nothing can defeat you if your mind is as powerful as your body. Your mind creates new frontiers and opens new doors. That is why your mind is a terrible thing to waste! Be selfish when it comes to your education. Get as much as you can!"



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"Misty"

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Leo

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
It by Stephen King

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
The Nutty Professor

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
Physics

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Varsity Basketball, Softball,  
and Volleyball, Marching  
Band and Jazz Band

# **#7. Adenah Bayoh**

"Always be yourself even if you have to stand by yourself because if you do not stand for something you will fall for anything. I would like to thank my family for believing in me and instilling in me good work ethics. I would also like to thank my teachers for giving me the extra help when I needed it, especially Ms. Tamagini, who is like a second mother to me, and Ms. Jackson for helping me pass the HSPT. Last, but not least, I would like to wish all of my classmates the best of luck in their future aspirations."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"Missing You" by Brandy

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Virgo

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Disappearing Acts

**FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:**  
The Olive Garden

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
Math

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
O.B.A., Close-up Club, Scholar's  
Club, Each One Teach One, Pan  
American Alliance, National  
Honor Society

# **#8. Salah Williams**

"Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know which piece is full of nuts."

Forrest Gump

"In other words, life is full of many trials and tribulations and the harder life is, the harder you must strive to put your best foot forward. Set a place for yourself in this tumultuous world."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"Smells Like Teen Spirit"

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Capricorn

**FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:**  
Kennedy's

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
The Crow

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
Math

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Varsity Baseball and  
Scholar's Club



**#9. Celeste Eaddy**

"I am amongst the many great successors that have Weequahic Indian pride. Since experience is the best teacher, go to school and be the best student. Strive for the ultimate success, achievement, and perfection. Prove the statement: 'It's so hard to beat a Weequahic Indian...' I am like a tree planted by the water. I'm deeply rooted and I shall not be moved. If you don't stand for anything, you'll fall for everything. Peace, love and soul!"



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"I Believe I Can Fly"

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Cancer

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Gather Together In My Name  
by Maya Angelou

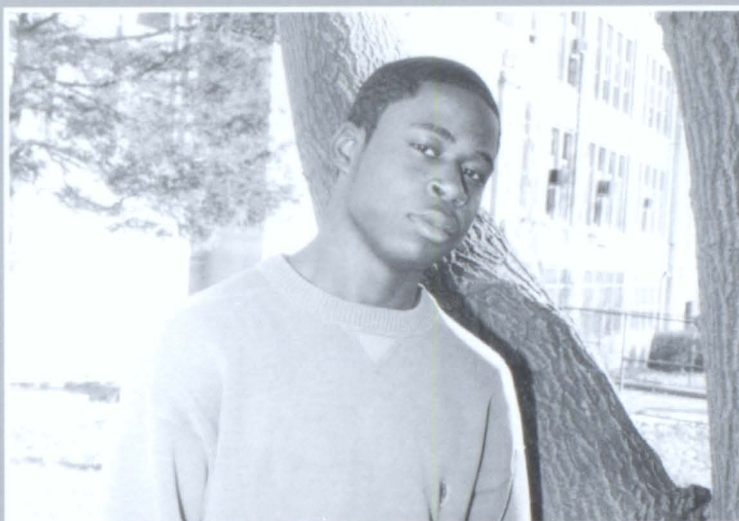
**FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:**  
Grandma's house

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
The Lion King

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Jazz Band, Close-up Club,  
Cheerleader Captain, Scholar's  
Club

**#10. Marvin Brown**

"I would like to take this time to congratulate the 'Class of '97' for their great accomplishments at Weequahic High School. My message to the future graduating classes of Weequahic High School: Be strong! Never let another person pressure you into not striving for your goals because I believe 'a person without an education is a person without a future'. Heads up high, we will always strive for excellence."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"You Remind Me of  
Something"

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Libra

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Roots

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
Malcolm X

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
Algebra

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Engineering Club and  
Scholars Club

**#11. Rose Cagilus**

"First of all I would like to thank God for my health, my intelligence and for keeping me safe for all the years of my life. I would also like to thank my parents for being there for me. I would like to thank my sisters, my brothers, and my friends, especially Annette. I would like to thank my teachers for their help and advice. I can tell it really helped because I am ranked in the 'Top 20'. I plan to attend Seton Hall University and hope one day to become a lawyer."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"Because You Love Me"

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Libra

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
No Way To Run

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
A Thin Line Between  
Love and Hate

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
Science

**FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:**  
Wendy's



**#12. Jennifer Williams**

"I would like to thank all the wonderful people in my life who stood by me and were there when I needed them. I would like to thank my mother who is always in my corner and my entire family for being by my side. Thanks to all the great teachers of Weequahic for molding me into the young lady I am now. I would like to give special thanks to my best friends Washima, Shakima, Torri, and Tanisha. Without you all, I would not have gotten this far."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"Steelo" by 702

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Cancer

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Waiting to Exhale

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
Desperado

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
English

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Yearbook Staff,  
School Newspaper,  
Student Government

**#13. Katia Buchanan**

"I am a dedicated, black woman who has decided to major in Business and minor in Computer Science at The College of New Jersey. God has blessed me with intellectual abilities. There are a few teachers that have challenged me on this road to success: Ms. Tamagini, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Barcliff, and Mr. Rashid. Thank you! My final words to the Seniors are: If your best doesn't past man's test, leave it to God, He'll do the rest!"



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"Joy" by Mary J. Blige

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Virgo

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Mama by Terry McMillan

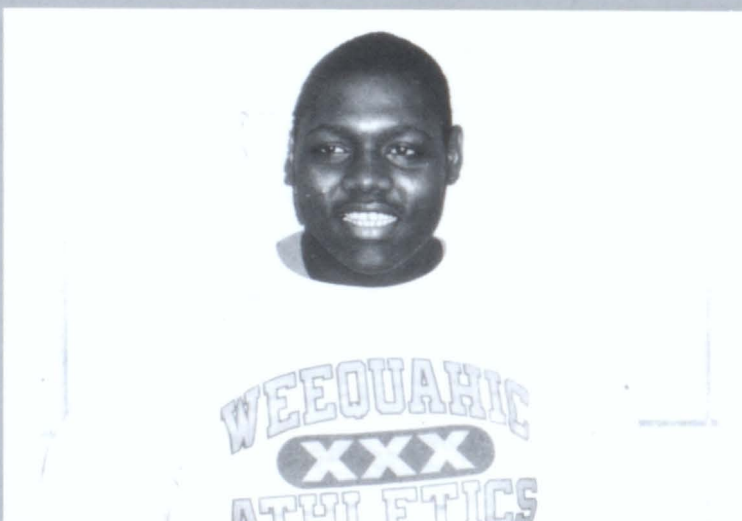
**FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:**  
The Ponderosa

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
History

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Scholar's Club and the  
Senior Class Executive Board

**#14. Shariff Campbell**

"To all my fellow students, always remember you are a strong individual. As that individual you have a journey to explore. There will be some bumps to overcome along the way, but don't let them stop you. Always focus on your goals and do not let peer pressure get to you. Also, remember to stay positive, be a good person, and have self-confidence in anything you plan to do."



**FAVORITE SINGER:**  
Patti LaBelle

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Gemini

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
The Three Little Pigs

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
Math

**FAVORITE THING TO DO AFTER SCHOOL:**  
Help elderly people and younger kids

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Football, Scholar's Club,  
Baseball and Wrestling



**#15. Zykia Johnson**

"Being a student at WHS these past four years has really meant a lot to me. I have learned more than just English, Math, Science and History. I have learned about respect, excellence and believing in myself. Walking through the halls of WHS makes you understand there are teachers who really care and who want their students to be the best. I have been taught that if I believe in myself and do my best, I can do anything. Thanks Weequahic High School!"



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"I Believe I Can Fly"

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Libra

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Waiting to Exhale

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
Set It Off

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
Math

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Upward Bound Program and  
Chairperson of the  
Senior Class

**#16. Paryss Whitaker**

"Don't give up! There were times I wanted to give up on myself because I felt the world was caving in on me. Then I woke up and finally realized that with the help of God, teachers, a loving mother and father, and a guidance counselor who would not accept 'I can't!' for an answer, I reached a goal I thought I could not obtain. To all the people who are still reaching for supposedly, unreachable goals keep trying and don't give up too soon."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"Water Runs Dry"  
by Boyz II Men

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Aquarius

**FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:**  
Boston Market

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
Science

**FAVORITE BOOK:**  
Waiting to Exhale

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Volleyball, Voices of  
Weequahic, Yearbook Staff,  
Class of '97 Executive Board

**#17. Indrees Qawi**

"Never stop dreaming you never know what will happen. Never let anyone keep you down. Never give up on yourself, even if you fail, try, try, try, again. Never settle for less than your best. Never forget that nothing in this world is free. In order to make money, you first need a little bit of money. In order to be successful later on you must make sacrifices now. Whatever choices you make now, will influence your future."



**FAVORITE SONG:**  
"Atomic Dog"

**ZODIAC SIGN:**  
Aquarius

**FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:**  
Red Lobster

**BEST SUBJECT:**  
Math

**FAVORITE THING TO DO  
AFTER SCHOOL:**  
Watch T.V. and sleep

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**  
Football, Baseball, Wrestling,  
Chess Club, Close-up Club



#18. Myeshia Williams

"To my fellow classmates, we're looking towards the future and searching for tomorrow to strive for excellence in our life. We are on our own now and we are only at the beginning of our journey into the real world. Today is the start of all of our lives. We haven't finished yet, there's so much of life ahead. We're at the gateways of our future."



FAVORITE SONG:  
"Candy Rain" by Soul 4 Real

ZODIAC SIGN:  
Cancer

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:  
Bennigan's

FAVORITE MOVIE:  
Higher Learning

BEST SUBJECT:  
Math

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:  
Class of '97 Executive Officer

#19. Denise Ramsey

"I would like to say that it was nice to have met all of you. I just wish and hope that all of you are very successful in what ever you do. To me graduation means the closing of our childhood. Some of us will never meet again until one of our class reunions, which I hope everyone attends in the best of health. I would also like to commend everyone that graduated. Most people drop out. I did not and I'm glad you did not."



FAVORITE SONG:  
"You're My Lady"

ZODIAC SIGN:  
Aquarius

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:  
Don Pepe's

BEST SUBJECT:  
Algebra

FAVORITE THING TO DO  
AFTER SCHOOL:  
dancing, skating, hanging out  
with my girlfriends

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:  
Class of '97 fund raising

#20. Felicia Jenkins

A message to the Senior Class: "When you control a man's way of thinking you do not have to worry about his actions, you do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his proper place and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door, he will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary."



FAVORITE SONG:  
"Do You Want To"

ZODIAC SIGN:  
Scorpio

FAVORITE BOOK:  
Man Child In the Promise Land

FAVORITE MOVIE:  
Five Heartbeats

BEST SUBJECT:  
History

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:  
Future Teachers Club,  
Scholars Club, Close-up Club  
and Yearbook Staff



# A Memory Maker





# PEOPLE WORTH WATCHING

## Most Likely To Succeed

Kizzy Calhoun and Keith Story



## Most Athletic

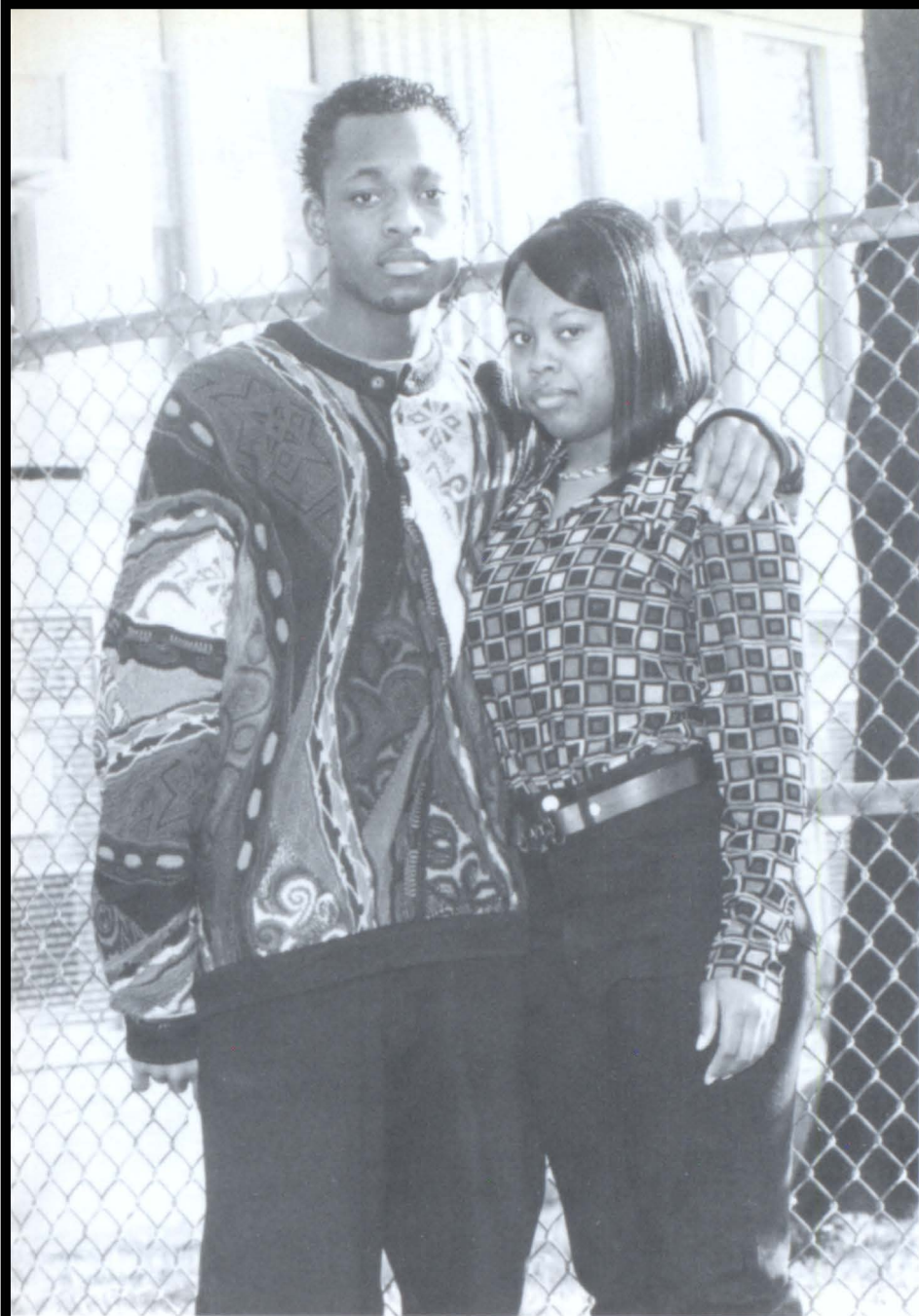
Yassriyyah Asberry and Rasheed Smith

## Most Talkative

Samerrah Marshall and Samad Garrett







### Best Dressed

Latasha Foushee and Jessie Manson



### Class Clown

Malika Terry and Edward Thomas



### Class Flirt

Rashida Vines and Idrees Qawiy



### Best Friends

Katia Buchanan and Myeshia Williams



### Best Friends

Mustafa Thomas, Fuquan Ellison and  
Jeffrey Pringle

### Best Artist

Tanya Smith and Zykia Johnson







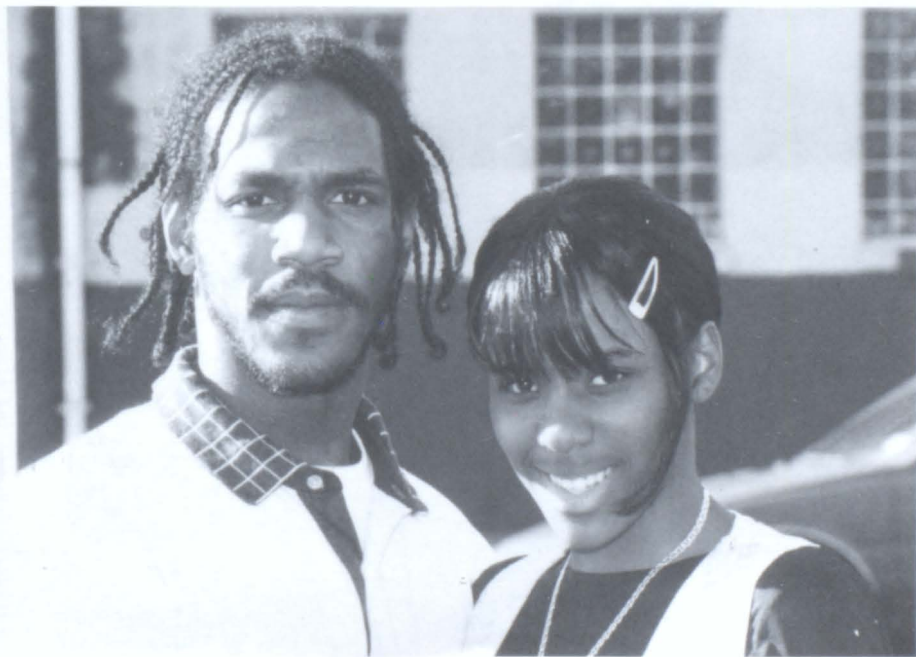
### Most Popular

Camille Campos and Damien Wilcox



### Most Attractive

Latifah Dean and Theodore Bryant



### Friendliest

Lakeisha Smith and Rasheed Smith



**Most Improved**

Celeste Eaddy and Ronnie Rawles



**Loudest**

Candice Cook and Damien Wilcox

**Quietest**

Kenyatta Steed and Quran Smith







### Class Grouch

Tanya Smith and Ta'isha Martin



### Most Sophisticated

Belinda Jones and Theodore Bryant



### Most Talented

Paryss Whitaker and Salah Williams





### Most Unforgettable Name

Kenyatta Uniquequ Steed and Antera Watts



### Most Likely To Get Their Doctorate

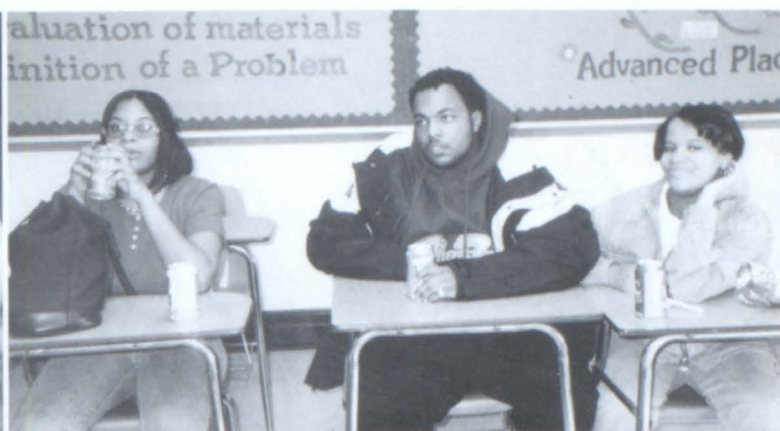
Tamara Gray and Dana Fryer



### Teacher's Pet

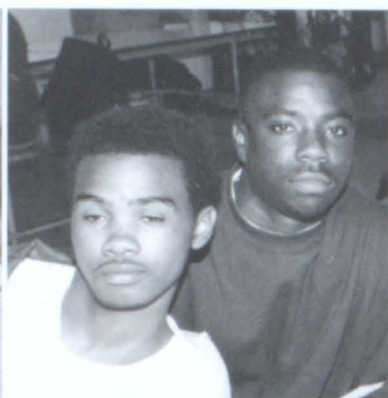
Quadiyyah Douglas and Shariff Campbell







# GOOD TIMES!





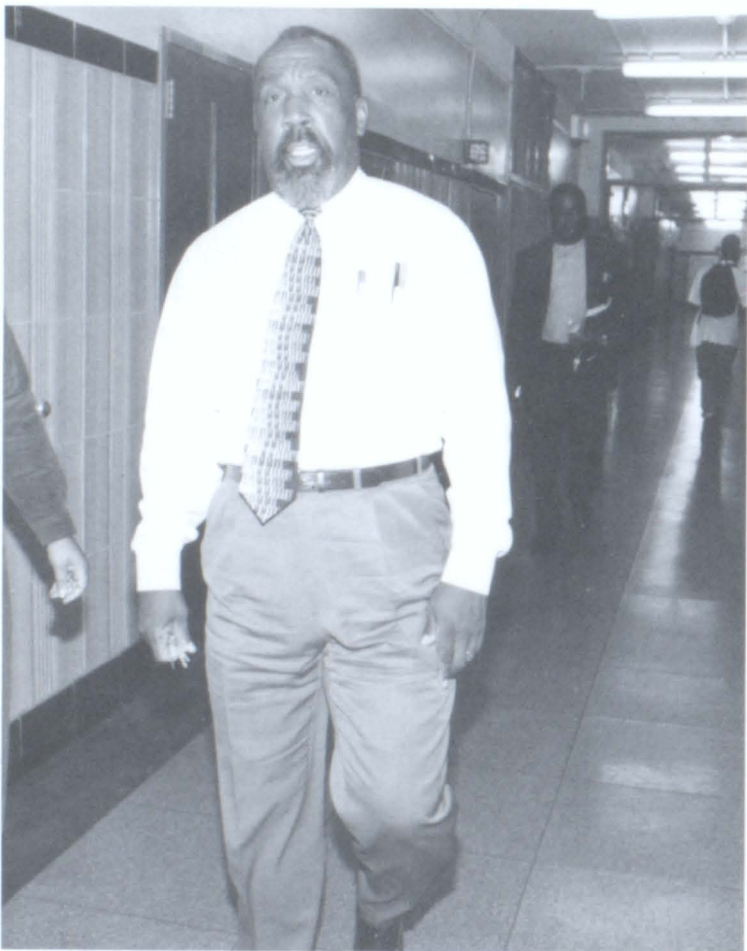


A C U L T Y



As Principal of Weequahic High School, Mr. Meadows carries on the highest work in our community. We are thankful that a man of his abilities has chosen to spend his days in our school.

Our principal is a very busy man. He keeps up with everything. He takes time, during his day, to catch some of his students, "doin' the right thing".



Mr. Meadows helps render a valuable service to our seniors. He is always willing to help his students over the rough spots by getting a grip on the problem.



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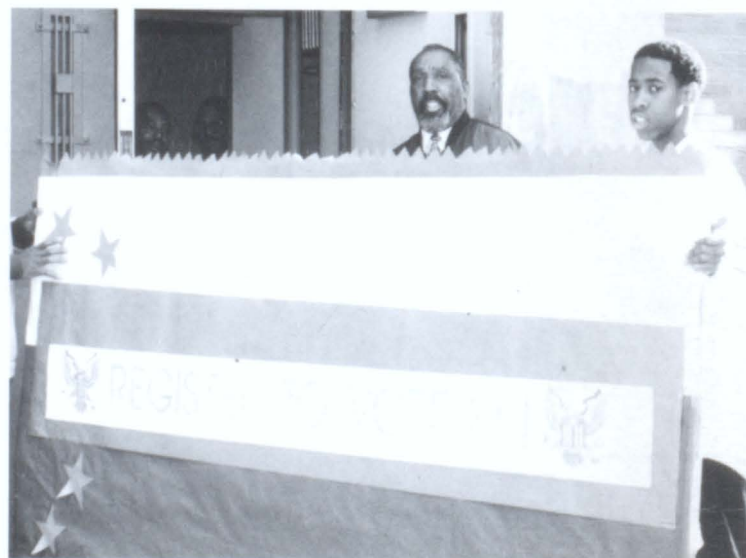
This is the second year that I have had the opportunity to leave a message with the graduating class at Weequahic High School. As I have said in the past, graduation from high school is a significant accomplishment for both the graduates, parents and guardians. As a result of the collective efforts of both parties, you have successfully completed the requirements of graduation. Now you are confronted with another decision. What are you going to do next? Do you further your education or do you become complacent and accept your high school diploma as your ultimate educational conquest?

As a member of a minority race, I would strongly suggest that you further your education in one way or another. You are approaching adulthood. You are about to enter the real world. The world of competition and technology. The world in which only the strongest and best prepared will survive. Colleges are no longer accepting mediocre nor even the remedial. There are those individuals who are attempting to abolish federally funded programs. There are even people in Congress today who would deny you of rights which your ancestors fought for and died.

If the tone of my message seems to bear urgency - there is a need. Time is a commodity you cannot afford to waste. Don't reminisce uselessly about what might have been. Get yourself ready for tomorrow. Do that which is necessary to make yourself a productive member of society. The preparations that you make today will determine your lifestyle of tomorrow.

The very best to you in the future.

Mr. Charles Meadows  
Principal







Mrs. Edna H. Bailey

To the Class of 1997:

Congratulations on having attained one of life's significant milestones--earning your high school diploma. You have worked diligently to make this happen.

Graduation is both an ending and a beginning. The knowledge gained at Weequahic High School should enable you to be more perceptive, more, sensitive, and more concerned as you face the challenges of the 21st Century. Strive hard to reach all of your goals. Your future achievements will be based upon your efforts and your commitment.

As you enter the road of life, the direction which you take is up to you. Remember, ..."If you can dream it, you can achieve it."

May God Bless You.



Mr. Thomas Bulger

To the Class of 1997:

High school graduation is a great occasion in your lives. I was happy to share this year with you. Many of you have made real sacrifices in working together to help your class carry out its' mission.

As you enter the portals of a new life, you will close the page on your school days and open the door to new beginnings. You will commence on many new and different experiences. You have studied long and hard. Be proud of the record you have made. Carry with you a portion of the high ideals the faculty and administrators have instilled within you.

Best wishes and congratulations for four years of work well done.



Mr. J. Bruce Bennett

Senior Class 1997:

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 1997. Upon graduation from Weequahic High School you are at the threshold of exciting and uncharted vistas. With this in mind it is important that each and every graduate set their sights on a particular goal or ambition. View your four years of high school as a growth experience that will help you to follow the road to success. May the world of the 21st century find you prepared to face the many challenges that will beseech you. Remember that change is the only thing in life that is constant.

Again my best wishes for a bright and productive future to all.



Mr. Fernard Williams

To the Senior Class of 1997:

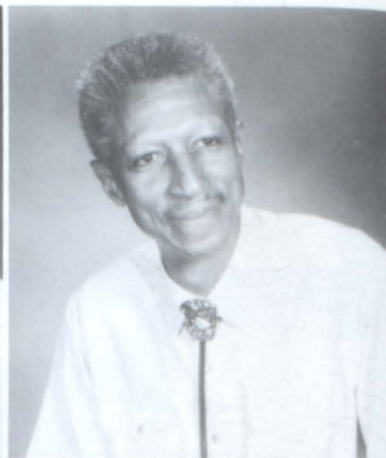
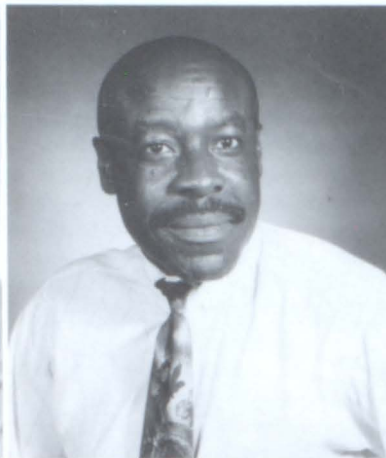
Preparation allowed each of you to achieve your goal, graduation, and the next level with confidence. Now that your high school experience has become stories of the past, you must go on to create new stories of self-investment, worth, and achievement. Preparation will pave the pathway, diversified skills will open doors, prioritization will clarify goals, and the Weequahic family will support every successful step you make.



Marion Alston  
Math Dept. Chairperson

Otis Brown  
Fine Arts Dept. Chairperson

Saunders Davis  
Head Counselor



Ernesto Gonnella  
Science Dept. Chairperson

Leon Grove  
Practical Arts Dept. Chairperson

Dave Klurman  
P. E./Health Dept. Chairperson



## TAKE THIS JOB & LOVE IT!



Q

What do you think educators can do today that would make a difference in a young person's life?

A

Mr. Richards, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Lorquet, share a laugh with Fine Arts Department Chairperson, Mr. Brown (third from the left).

Educators can make a difference in a young person's life by demonstrating genuine caring and compassion. Many of today's young are burdened with tremendous pressures and stress beyond their years. It is crucial that we, as educators, show them that we are sensitive to and concerned about their entire well-being. To do this, we must give of ourselves beyond the perceived "role" of teacher/educator. In doing so, we show them that we are human.

Princess Towe (English Department Chairperson)

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."

Robert Frost



# NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE



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What do you think educators can do today that would make a difference in a young person's life?

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(Front Row )  
Aneesah Williams,  
Lamira Simpson,  
Sona Thomas,  
(Back Row)  
Keyema Sheffield,  
Nicole Treyntam,  
Linda Taylor,  
and Lakeisha  
Smith

Alex Haley once said...Find the good and praise it..." I think that promoting positive behavior among young adults raises their self-esteem. Self-esteem is responsible for the total well being of an individual. I would, therefore, do several things: praise, promote, encourage and set goals for a productive life. I would also impress upon them to set high expectations for themselves and to have self-respect. As young adults they will learn, because we won't let them fail. I am a firm believer that all children are capable of learning. Period. End of lesson. Class dismissed. Educators need to go back to teaching. Young adults don't fail. Educators fail, school systems fail. The people who teach children that they are failures - they are the problem. "Failure is just easy as to combat as success is to obtain."

Mrs. H. Turner (Business Dept. Chairperson)



**Reginald Oliver**  
Special Needs Dept. Chairperson



**Autry Reynolds**  
Athletic Director



**Princess Towe**  
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Business Dept. Chairperson



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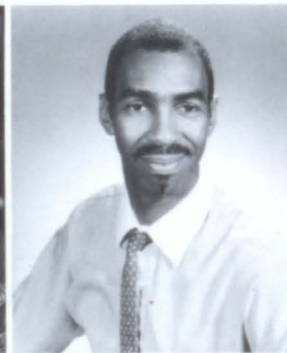
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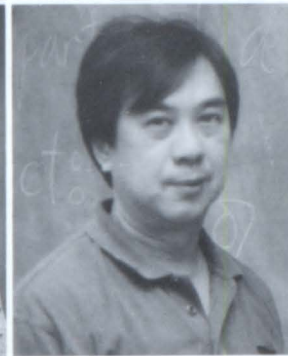
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**Nicholas Falzarano**

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**Janice Findley**

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**Michelle Fleitell**

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**Sheardrick Freeman**

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**Frank Gavin**

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**Darlene Gearhart**

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**Charles Gottlick**

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**Patricia Jones-Gregory**

Fine Arts

**Elizabeth Haden**

Math



**Michael Hahn**

Social Studies

**Yvonne Hall**

Science

**Mary Ellen Hardy**

Foreign Language

**Janet Harris**

Science



**Chelee Harvard**

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**Faith Henry**

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Math

**Harold Hines**

Head Custodian



**Nikita Holt**

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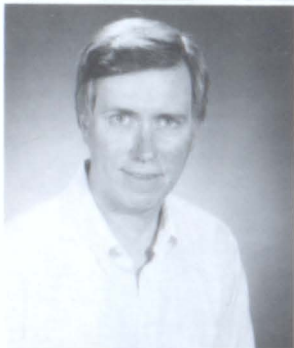
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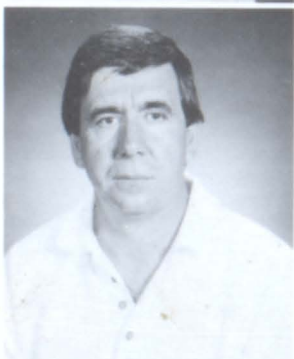
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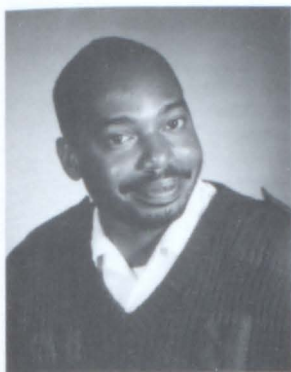
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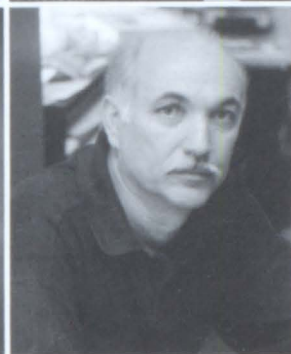
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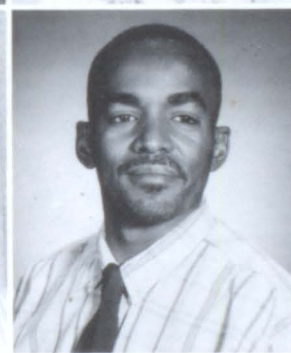
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**Martha Nolley**

Science

**Sharon Northcutt**

English



**Michael Norwood**

Custodian

**Mohammed Omaryn**

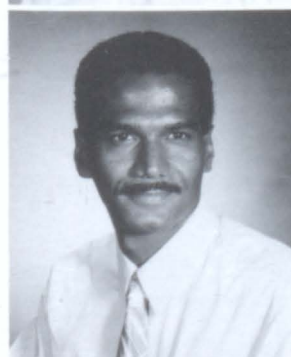
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**Michael Page**

Fine Arts

**Nancy Parker**

Security



**Ricardo Pedro**

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**Carol Peele**

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**Patricia Peoples**

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**Eleanor Perry**

Health/Phys. Ed.



**William Pressley**  
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**Jacqueline Purcell**

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**Ali Rashid**

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**Denise Rashid**  
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**Leslie Redd**  
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**Cheryl Rice**  
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**Lucille Rich**

Security  
**Robert Richard**  
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**Isadel Riley**  
Crisis Teacher  
**Harvey Ritter**  
Psychologist  
**Anthony Saganski**  
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**Robert Santoriello**  
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**Jack Soroka**  
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**Martha Spann**  
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**Nyoka Stackhouse**  
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**Charles Stewart**  
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**Jay Straim**  
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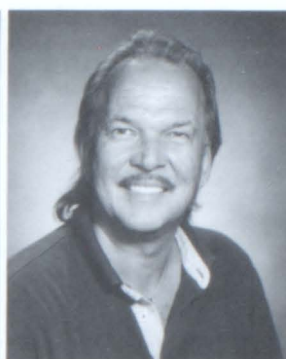
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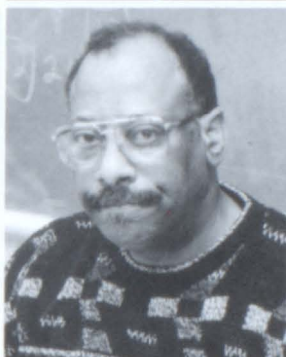
**Richard Washington**

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**Velda Waters**

Special Needs



**James Watkins**

Special Needs



## "Cafeteria Crew"



As a part of our cafeteria staff, Albertha Lavoil serves it up hot every day.

Jacqueline Bowman, Jessie Ramseur and Viola Johnson display their award winning strawberry cheesecake.



**Gwendolyn Weaver**

Business

**Annie Williams**

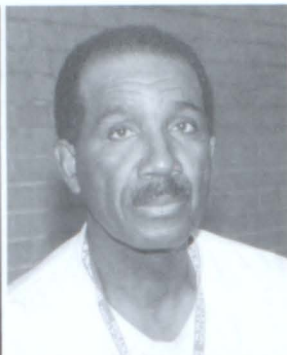
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**Ruth Williams**

Nurse



**Connie Motley-Wright**

Special Needs

**Lavern Wright**

Business

**Mary Young**

Custodian

**Philip Young**

Health/Phys. Ed.



## Somethin' is always cookin'...



Cook, Diane Williams, mixes it up each day for the Weequahic High students.

The family that cooks together stays together, just ask Viola Johnson, Jacqueline Bowman, Shawn Ruffins, Albertha Lavoil and Jessie Ramseur.



## Spotlight on.....Diane Williams

Ms. Williams is a talented asset to our cafeteria staff. She has worked with the Newark Public Schools for fifteen years in a supervisory capacity. Ms. Williams possess a Bachelor of Arts degree in Food and Nutrition from Montclair State University. She prepares 1600 meals daily for five Newark schools. Thanks for adding your special flavor.



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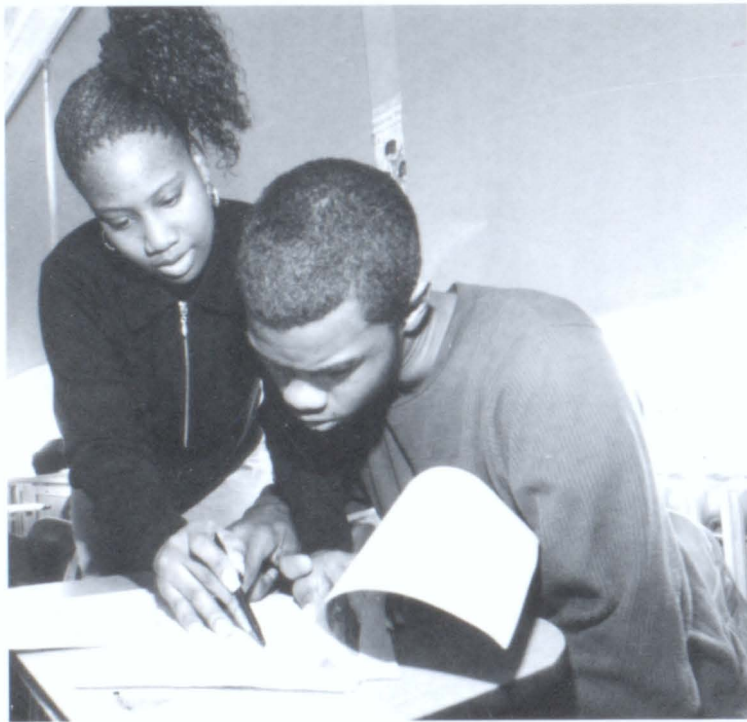
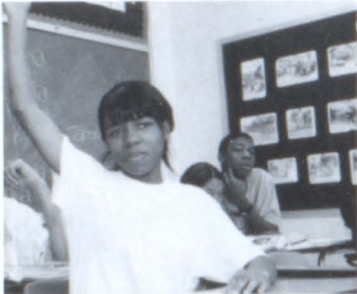


# Taking The Upper Hand

There's No Energy Shortage In Our Classrooms!

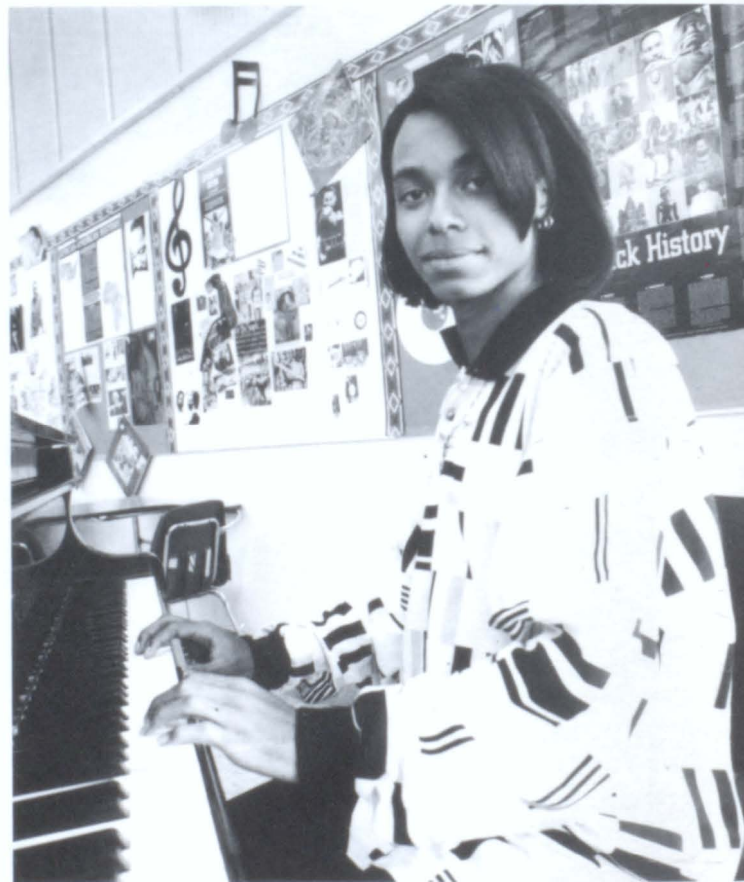
What does good teaching involve? Just ask Mr. Kallas and one of his favorite seniors Lastesha Humphrey.

She's on target! Faith Anderson is ready with an answer that reflects her sound strategy.



Extensive research and planning help Wydiah Marsett and Wali Thompson understand the importance of skilled intelligence, not skilled labor, in the 21st Century.

Sounds of '97: Pete Kelly sits at the piano ready to send out clear strong sounds from our Music Room.

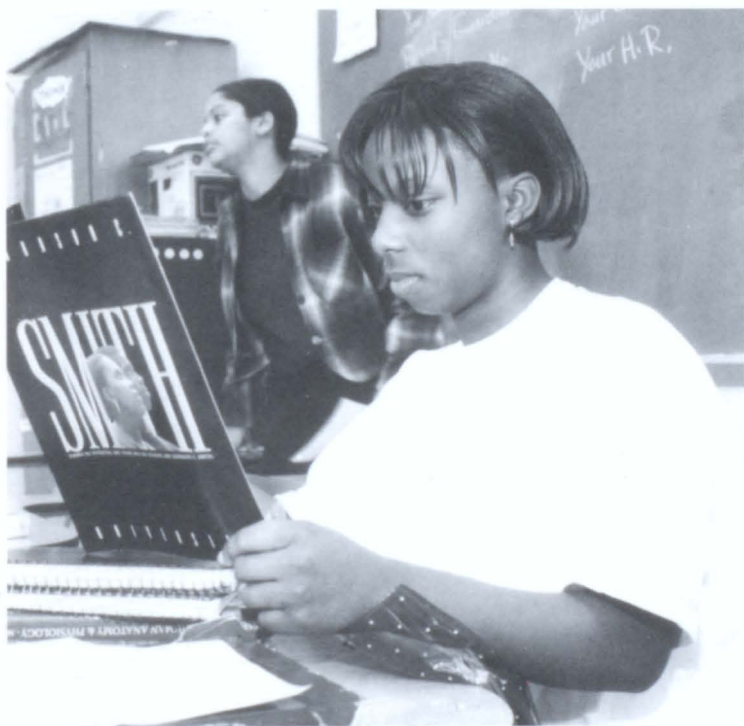






Right down to the bare bones. Jennieve Brummel demonstrates her knowledge of the Human Skeletal System to Science teacher Ms. P. Tamagini.

Cut it out! Mr. Gotlick's Woodworking class gives Jameel Moore a chance to use his hands, as well as, his mind. Students get the opportunity to productively vent frustrations.



Keisha Henderson has a golden opportunity to crack the books in class as she familiarizes herself with the topic of the day.



### Tools for Success: Weequahic High School is on a Mission

The faculty of Weequahic High School is charged with the responsibility of helping to shape the nation's future by positively influencing the development of those who will be leaders in the 21st Century. We strongly believe that every student attending Weequahic High School is entitled to a quality education, mastering the essential skills necessary for survival in our ever-changing complex society.

To support our belief in a quality education, Weequahic High School offers academic subjects which range from basic skills to honors programs, as well as, vocational experiences and physical activities. We acknowledge that the major role which must be exercised at Weequahic High School is that of developing and implementing strategies which provide for the optimum growth and development of the individual student's academic, creative, vocational and social potential.

We believe that the formal educational program must be supplemented and complemented by a variety of educational experiences which include available resources and support services from both within the school and within the community.

We also believe that high standards of academic performance and adherence to a code of behavior which fosters civic responsibility are both necessary to function adequately in our society. Thus, both must be consistently reinforced by faculty and parents.

We hope to develop within our students a philosophy of life predicated upon self-esteem, a respect for the environment, and a sensitivity to others. The development of these positive attitudes will result in individuals who will be an asset to our school, community, country, and the world.



Ms. Barrows and Lamira Simpson bring out the flavor in a vegetable filled cheese omelet.

Aza Walker, Tamara Gray and IdreesQawiy take and opportunity to discuss heart and soul issues in our media center.

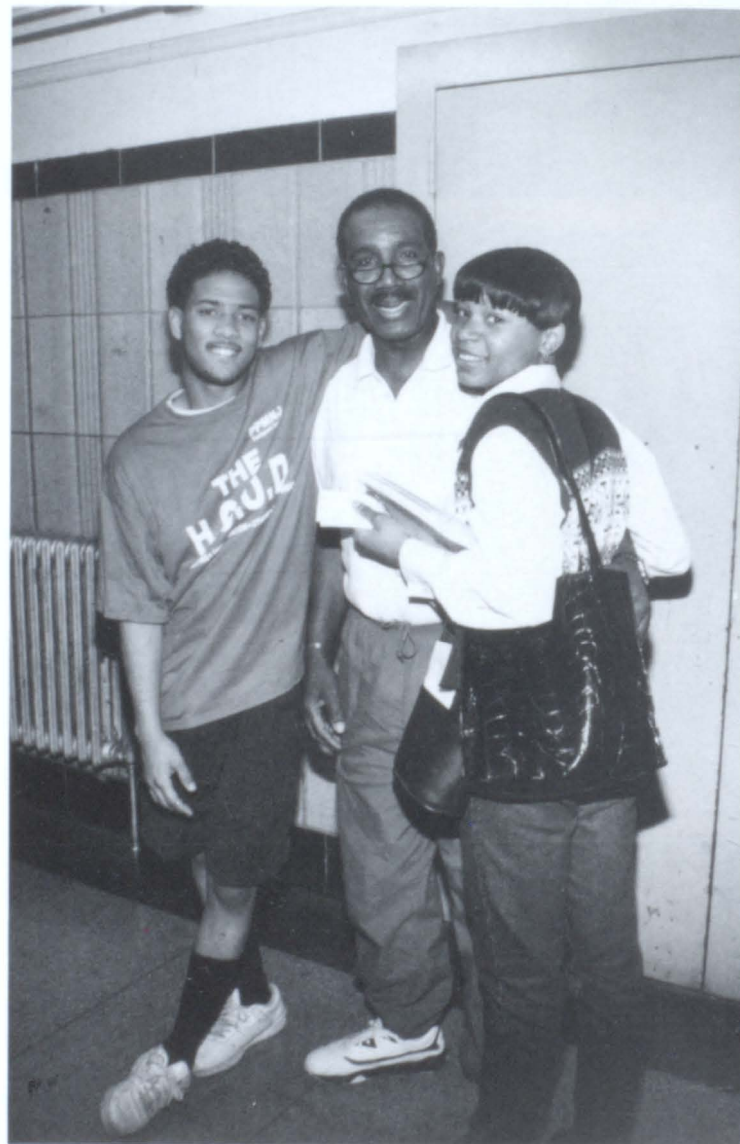


A well-constructed garment is under production with the help of Helen Nicholson, Shakirah Magruff and Latifah Dean.

Mr. Straim offers a combination of incentives to his students that make for a good history lesson



Mr. Williams, Health and Physical Education teacher, enjoys some verbal feedback from Theodore Bryant and an underclassmen.







This group is something to take note of as Band instructor, Mr. M. Page, conducts a musical selection performed by (left to right) Marlena Green, Rasmiyya Williams, Cory Best and Ruth Stanzelle.

Tahiyyah Jones (back left) leans over to confer with Tashida Daniels (front right) during their history lesson. The "buddy system" always works well.



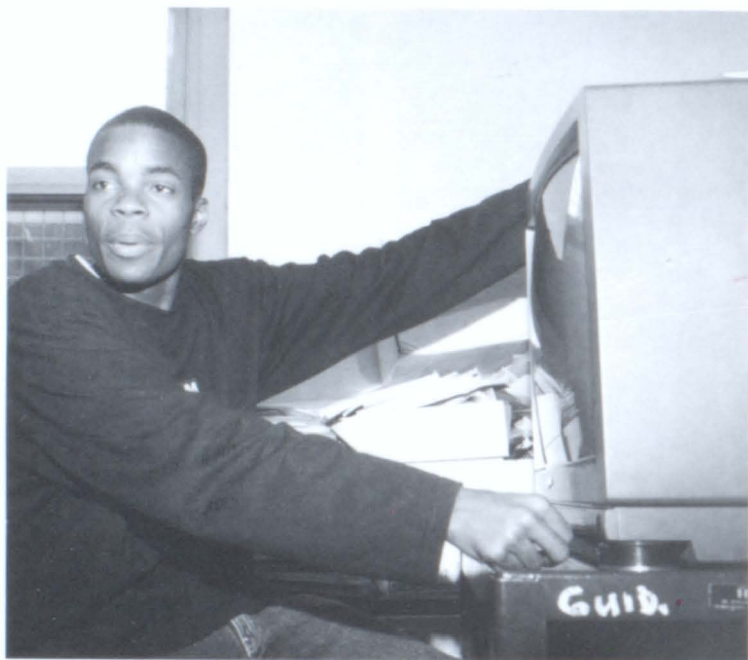
Getting a head start, Sameerah Marshall arrives to class early, leaving ample time to relax before the teacher arrives.

Explaining her work, Kizzy Calhoun, shows the class how to complete their Geography assignment.



"Up one, up two, up three!" Physical Education instructor, Mrs. I. McLeod teaches her class that you must exercise the body in order to keep the mind mentally alert.

Deep in concentration, Alnisha Smith madly works to complete her class work to insure that her homework load is kept to a minimum.

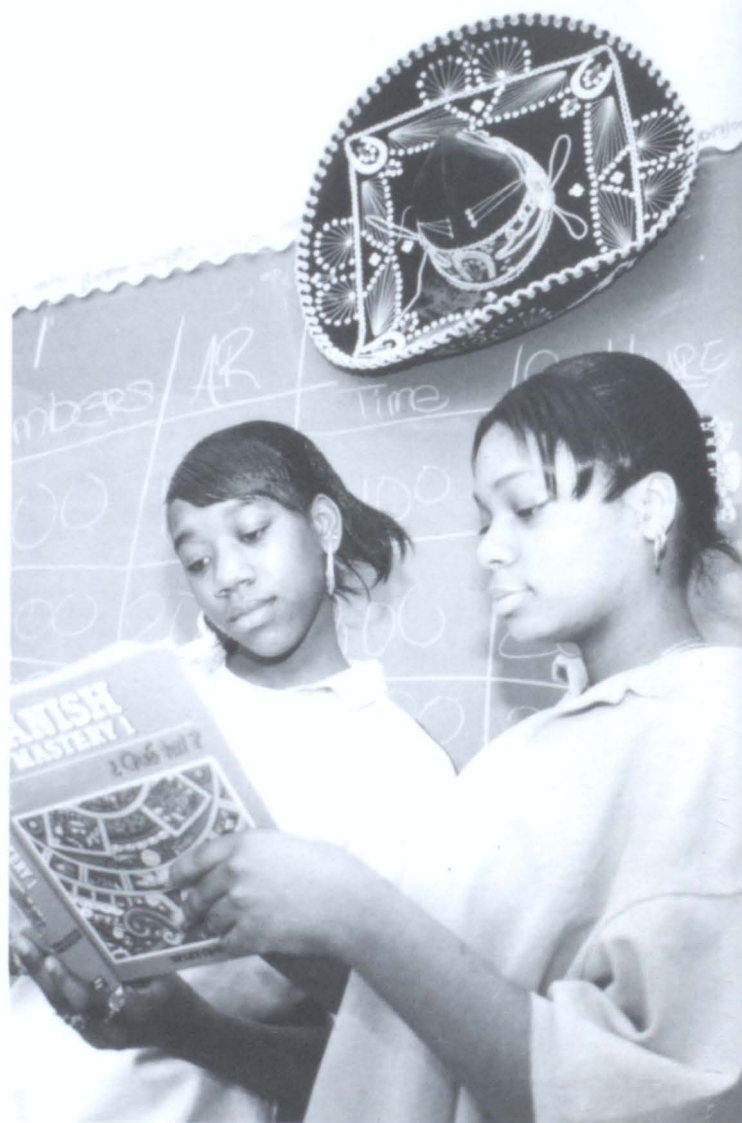


Raheem Lay takes a moment to adjust the settings on the TV/VCR. He wants no nonsense when its time to view the scheduled program.

Felicia Jenkins (left) works with many young children in her Early Childhood Development class. Child care classes gave students a chance to experience real life situations first hand in the comfort of a classroom.



"Muchas gracias mi amiga!" Walika Perry (left) and Keisha Witherspoon (right) work together on their Spanish assignment. Students often enjoy group projects because they get the chance to work with their friends on common goals.







T U D E N T  
L I F E



# An evening filled with majesty

Kahlia Byrd, Jessie Manson rule over the Homecoming court

What would we do with out Weequahic's "physically big" football team. Our team always gives "good measure".

Senior Edwin Walker is first rate on the drums. His sound is as clear as a bell.



Cheerleaders Yassriyyah Asberry and Tamika McCluney light up the field with moves that will be remembered for a long time.

The Weequahic High School band brings new life to Bergen Street during the Homecoming Parade. The crowd welcomes them.







Queen Kahlia and King Jessie share their Homecoming sash and honors during the parade celebrations.

Celeste Eaddy, our Ms. Cheerleader, makes the parade come alive where ever she rides.



Seniors and underclassmen demonstrate school spirit during the '97 Homecoming parade.

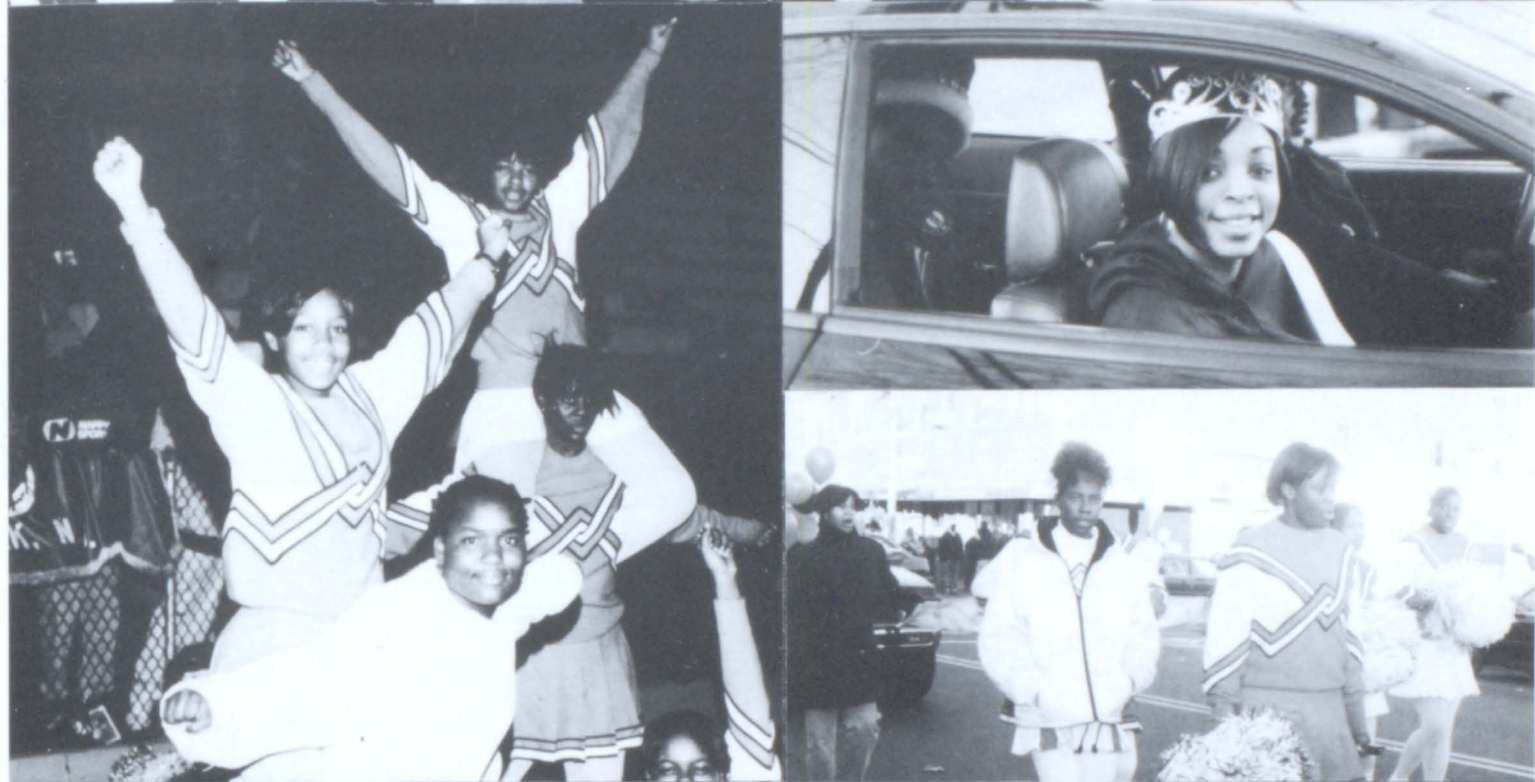
Shareeka Johnson charms young and old with moves during halftime on the football field.













# Introducing Our 1997 Mr. & Ms. Homecoming and Mr. & Ms. Calendar

Ms. Homecoming, Kahlia Byrd, enjoys a crowning moment before the Homecoming parade.

Mr. Homecoming leads the parade.



Mr. Homecoming, Jessie Manson, strikes a pose prior to the parade line-up.

Mr. and Ms. Calendar, Myeshia Williams and Theodore Bryant, display their magic touch with scepters in hand.





# Royalty



(Front Row) Jasmine Stanford, Shakirah Porter, Taliyba Heard, Theodore Bryant, Jessie Manson, (Second Row) Sameerah Marshall, Zykia Johnson, Latasha Foushee, Celeste Eaddy, Latifah Conover, Latusha Carmichael, Salah Williams, (Back Row) Paryss Whitaker, Denise Ramsey, Re'gan Teal, Myeshia Williams, Jennieve Brummel, Lisa Estes, Latasha Verdiner, and Keyama Sheffield

## Weequahic High School

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Newark, New Jersey

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*"I've never seen our students more enthusiastic and excited about participating in our school Homecoming festivities."*

*-Velda Waters, Teacher*



# 1997 CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS



Denise Ramsey  
Ms. January



Taliyba Heard  
Ms. February



Re'gan Teal  
Ms. March



Latusha Carmichael  
Ms. April



Lisa Estes  
Ms. May



Latifah Conover  
Ms. June



Myeshia Williams  
Ms. July



Erica Hall  
Ms. August



Latasha Foushee  
Ms. September



Shakirah Porter  
Ms. October



Jasmine Stanford  
Ms. November



Jennieve Brummel  
Ms. December



# CALENDAR MEN and ZODIAC QUEENS



Jessie Manson  
Mr. November



Theodore Bryant  
Mr. December



Zykia Johnson  
Ms. Libra



Sameerah Marshall  
Ms. Sagittarius



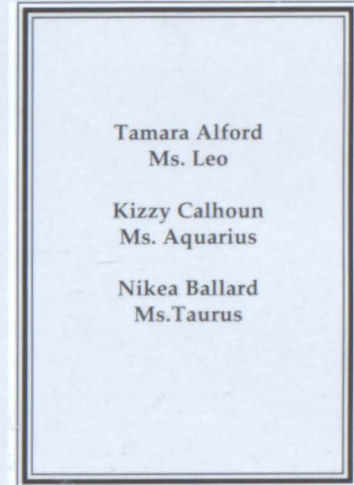
Latasha Verdiner  
Ms. Capricorn



Keyama Sheffield  
Ms. Gemini



Katia Buchanan  
Ms. Virgo



Tamara Alford  
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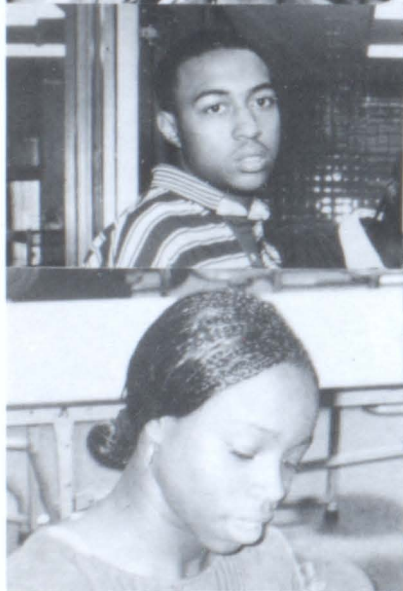
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Ms. Aquarius

Nikea Ballard  
Ms. Taurus

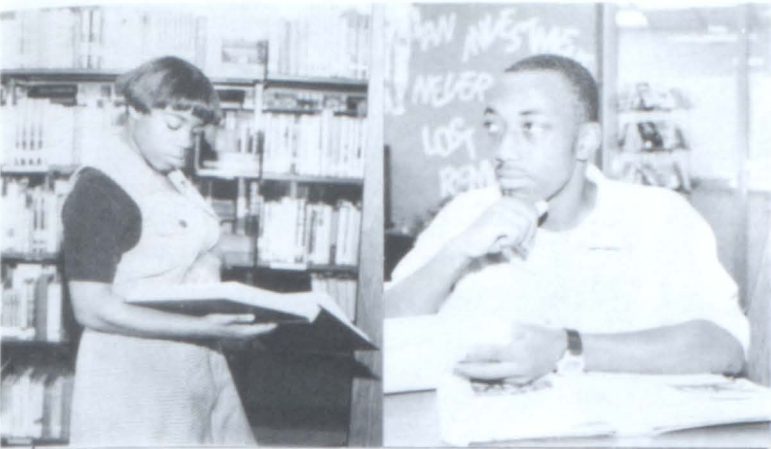
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# A Crowning Moment

## The Miss Weequahic Pageant Is A Coronation To Remember

### THE SHINING MOMENT

Miss Weequahic, Sameerah Marshall, is escorted center stage by Theodore Bryant. Contestants, with their escorts help make a picture perfect event.

### A STUNNING MATCH

It was an important evening for junior, Tabitha Parker. She won first-runner-up. Tabitha knows how to strike a pose. Her escort is Taboris Allen.



### THE ELEGANT TOUCH

Before the night is over Hakima Black is crowned Miss Junior. Her escort, Cornelius Livingston, just won't let go!

### A ROYAL PROCESSION . . .

Lead by a royal couple Mr. Escort, Ricky Negron and Miss Freshmen, Karinne Lewis. Jameel Williams with Taneisha Rabb, James Cagilus with Nicole Wilkerson and Rashid Smith with Alfreda Davis follow.







#### ONE ENCHANTED EVENING

Tamika McCluney tops off the evening when she is crowned Miss Sophomore. Her escort is Michael McClendon. They share a special moment during the 'night of stars'.

#### EVENING HARMONY

Rashid Smith and Alfreda Davis, display their cosmopolitan charm. ROMANTIC...COOL...HOT... A dress has to be like that, and it is on Nicole Wilkerson with James Cagilus.



#### A TOUCH OF CLASS

Looking like a dream Lashauna Watson and Mr. Weequahic, Gregory Johnson make a lasting impression. These two stylin' seniors are having a cool time.

#### REAL MAGIC

Cassandra Powell and Derrick Koonce are in the attention grabbing spotlights. The paparazzi are every where as they make their entrance into... 'real magic'.





#### RHYTHMS OF THE NIGHT

Sameerah Marshall and Lashauna Watson gotta beat in their feet!

#### STAR QUALITY

Chiniqua Hutchinson and Chris Martin make pageant night memories.



#### EAST COAST SOPHISTICATION

Stephanie Easterling and Shawn Hubbard make the evening a delight.

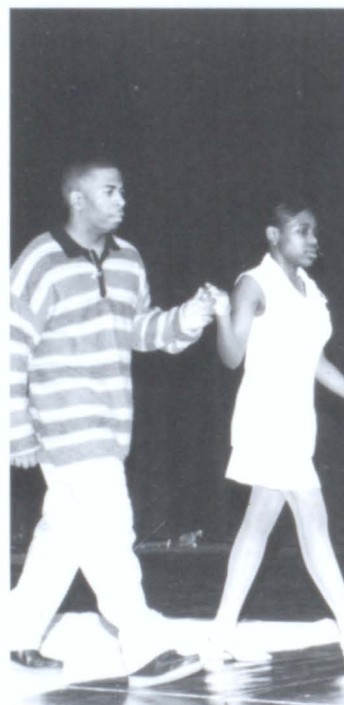
#### A NIGHT AMONG STARS

Kabeerah Horne and David Carson make a dazzling entrance.



#### DRESSED UP!

Bold and dramatic was the show stopping style of Taneisha Rabb and Jameel Williams.



#### THE LATEST FASHIONS

Skakima Gant and Mr. Escort, Ijeuhmu Harris, model the latest styles, as they swing and sway down the runway.



#### MORE THAN WORDS

Soft and gracefully, the pageant's 'Little Couple in Waiting', Shaleiah Henry and Javoon McCluney, are inspired to a dance.



"It was'nt hard to get used to life in the 70's.

Sixteen-year-olds then had more freedom than we do now." - Katia Buchanan

# Groovy Images From The Past

*How did simulating the seventies make for a memorable experience?*

## Can You Dig It!

Seniors Paryss Whitaker, Keyama Sheffield, Denise Ramsey, Chanetta Odom, Niesha Person, Khalia Byrd, Celeste Eddy, Latesha Humphrey, Halimah Jacobs, Christopher Conyers and Zykia Johnson make it a 'Stone Soul Picnic'.

"We had discussions and many lively interactions. Experience always enhances your learning." - Myeshia Williams

## Just Keep on Truckin

Shana Walker is no 'Jive Turkey' when she represents a 'Right On' image from the 70's.



## Peace and Love

Two 'Foxy Mamas', Lashauna Watson and Tashida McDaniel get ready to 'Bogie Down' at The Seniors 70's Dance.

## The Big Pay Back

Just ask Paryss Whitaker, Cornelius Livingston and Katia Buchanan, they know 'What's Going On'.





# SENIORS TRADING PLACES DAY!

## LIVE & LEARN

Maintaining an orderly and quiet environment, checking books in and out, and restocking bookshelves were only a few trade secrets Media Specialist, Ms. M. Chapman (center) shared with Bobbie Donaldson (left) and Safika Frazier (right).



Nikisha Eure (left) checks in by radio, as she patrols the halls with Senior Guard, Mrs. J. Jenkins (right).



Reviewing their plans for the day, Sameerah Beasley (left) and English Department Chairperson, Ms. P. Towe (right), agree that preparation and organization are key to maintaining an efficient department.

Paryss M. Whitaker finds out first hand that sitting in Vice Principal E. Bailey's (standing) chair comes with many long hours, responsibilities and paper work.







Custodian, Mr. M. Norwood (center) poses with (left to right) Rahim McKeith, Malika Terry, Tanya Green, and Quran Smith, before they go about the business of giving the building an extra special "Senior" shine.



Cha-Netta Odom stands amongst "her" History students as she shares with them the main points of the lesson she prepared along with History teacher, Ms. Y. King (not pictured).



English teacher, Mrs. D. Rashid (left) and Autria Covington (right) stand outside the classroom during the change of classes. Monitoring the halls is only one of the teaching duties experienced by this senior.



All is clear in the hall during Lakeisha Smith's watch. Trading places with Security Guard, Mrs. E. Rich (not pictured) proved that being visible was half the battle of maintaining order in the building.

Keeping the young children interested, busy and happy were among the many suggested techniques for effectively running a childcare program described to (left to right) Felicia Jenkins, Alexis Rainey, Theodore Bryant, and Twinkle Walker by instructor, Ms. C. Peele (center).



Linda Taylor waits patiently in "her" office for a meeting with Principal, Mr. C. Meadows (not pictured) in order to compare notes on the daily operations at Weequahic High School.

In her role as Music teacher, Ms. K. Barcliff (not pictured), Katia Buchanan utilizes her planning period to check the Roll Book and review her lesson plans for the next class.

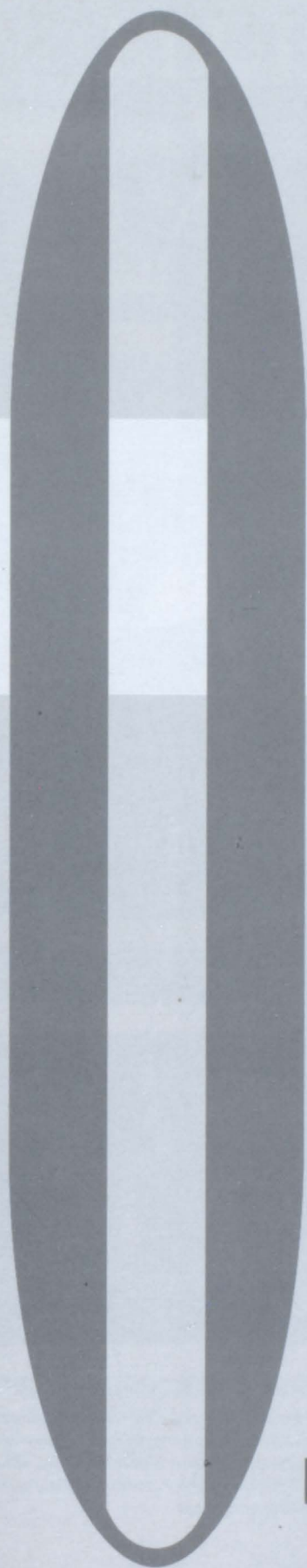


The team of Jacob & Jacobs, English teacher Mr. B. Jacob and Senior Halimah Jacobs, proved to be a dynamic force as they shared teaching duties.

Ms. L. White, Substance Abuse Coordinator, and Camille Campos take this special day from their mounds of paperwork to capture this special day for many years to come.





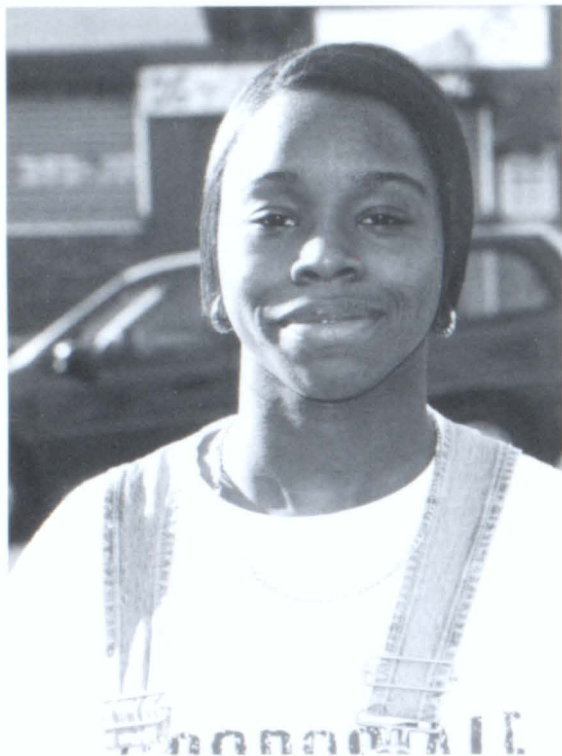


R G A N I Z A T I O N S



Class of 1997's Executive Board: President, Quadiyyah Douglas, Vice Presidents Zykia Johnson, Myeshia Williams, Latasha Carmichael (not pictured), Latasha Verdiner (not pictured), Talyba Heard, Secretary, Katia Buchanan and Treasurer, Kizzy Calhoun.

President of the Senior Class, Quadiyyah Douglas, worked hard to insure the seniors final walk through Weequahic High School would be memorable.



## FOR MEMBERS ONLY



### O. B. A.: STUDENT COUNCIL

Front Row: Shaquana Gary, Mrs. M. Spann, Advisor, Jessie Manson, Second Row: Adenah Bayoh, Shafeqah Calder, Ricky Negron, Rasmiyyah Williams, Third Row: Samad Garrett, Dorian Rochester



### SENIOR BOARD & PLANNING COMMITTEE

First Row: Samerrah Marshall, Niesha Person, Katia Buchanan, Paryss M. Whitaker, and Mrs. D. Rashid, Advisor, Second Row: Theordore Bryant, Zykia Johnson, Keisha Witherspoon, and Jessie Manson. Third Row: Nikisha Eure, Myeshia Williams, Talyba Heard, Aneesah Williams, Latasha Verdiner, Advisor, Ms. D. Walker (not pictured)



# BLUEPRINT FOR FUN

"Being involved in school clubs and organizations has given me the opportunity to develop my leadership and interpersonal relationship skills." **Kenyatta Steed**



A group of underclassmen take time out during the changing of classes to clown around. These students do not look like they're worried about getting to their next class before the late bell.

Junior Class President, Vaughn Crowe, often "leans" on his fellow classmates for advice and guidance. With all of the responsibilities that come along with this title, he will surely be looking to them for support next year.



## JUNIOR CLASS EXECUTIVE BOARD

From left to right: Mrs. E. Haden, Advisor, Vice President, Hakima Black, Publicity/Fundraiser Chairperson, Lakeasha Robinson, Secretary/Treasurer, Rhenotha Whitaker, and President Vaughn Crowe



## SOPHOMORE CLASS EXECUTIVE BOARD

First Row: Brian Dennis, Zonia Holman, Tabeeba Rahman, Nmaezi Duru, Second Row: Mrs. R. Dhiel, Latonya Jones, Unidentified Sophomore Class Officer, Mr. J. Cadet, Advisor



## Too Much of a Good Thang



### BAND FRONT

First Row: Samerrah Marshall, Shareeka Johnson, Second Row: Lesheia Anderson, Walikah Perry, Hakima Black, Third Row: Ayesha Motley, Natalie Lee, Anneka Elliott, Nicole Heard, Fourth Row: Terrence Preston, Advisor, Mrs. E. Haden



### BROTHERHOOD CLUB

Front Row: Mr. A. Rashid, Advisor, Treasurer, Jamall Williams, Joshua Younger, Second Row: Jessie Manson, Ronnie Rawles, President, Theodore Bryant, Ameen Degraffenreid, Nathaniel Copeland, Tremmel Southerland, V. President, Harun Crosby, Sergeant of Arms, Dujon Hartwell.



### CLOSE-UP CLUB

Front Row: Johnnie Turner, Antoine McNeal, Justin Witherspoon, Jessie Manson, Keisha Henderson, Celeste Eaddy, Felicia Jenkins, Second Row: Rhenotha Whitaker, Indrees Qawi, Shafeqah Calder, Raheem Lay, Lakeasha Robinson

"It's all about us. Go Bandfront!!"  
Pictured from left to right: Shareeka Johnson and Samerrah Marshall.

"Cause we're cool like that...The Jazz." Mr. M. Page and members of the Jazz Band take a brief intermission between 'sets'.



"Us and the Pom-Pom Glamour Girls." Pictured: Lasheia Anderson, Samerrah Marshall, Shareeka Johnson, Hakima Black, and Walikah Perry

Introducing the 1995-1996 Math Olympics Team....and there's busy Ms. Haden doing something else with the students.





A Future Teacher: David Carson will teach his future students that education is the key to success.



The Look of Determination: Steven Ham is ready to go out into the real world.



Fun Education: Jimmy and "Tee-Tee" smile at education. Education lights up their lives.



Keep Them Laughing: Kamal Piercy is very hard working and loves to make people laugh.

## The Thing to Do



### COMPUTER CLUB

First Row: Mrs. E. Haden, Advisor, Second Row: Le'Var Harper, Lesheia Anderson, Anneka Elliott, Taliyba Heard, Hakima Black, Paryss Whitaker, Third Row: Cyrus Walker, Ayesha Motley, Lakeasha Robinson, Rhenotha Whitaker



### DRAMA CLUB

Front Row: Ms. J. Findley, Advisor, Theodore Bryant, Quadiyyah Douglas, Justin Witherspoon, Second Row: Paryss Whitaker, Indrees Qawiy, Belinda Jones, Myiesha Harper, Jessie Manson, Tahisah Berrian



### EACH ONE TEACH ONE

First Row: Chinique Hutchinson, Lesheia Anderson, Shakira Myricks, Shannon Evans, Second Row: Advisor, Ms. L. White, Sylvia Dozier, Tishona Chaplin, Rasmiyyah Williams, Jessie Manson Each One Teach One (EOTO) is a student group committed to providing information and assistance to the student body and staff regarding health and health related issues.



## What's Going On?



### ENGINEER'S CLUB

Left to Right: Marvin Brown, Debbie Ivy, Advisor, Mr. M. Omarayn,  
Not pictured: Chidi Duru, Korsten Clarke



### FUTURE TEACHERS OF NEWARK

First Row: Advisor, Mrs. M. Nolley, Atiya McCullen, Antoine McNeil,  
Shamara Larkins, Mentor, Mrs. J. Harris, Second Row: Rhenotha  
Whitaker, Lakeasha Robinson, Regan Teal, Mentor, Mrs. P. Tamagini



### GOSPEL CHORUS

Front Row: Justin Witherspoon, Latrisha Martin, Brian Dennis, Mrs.  
E. Foster, Advisor, Second Row: Paul Curtis, Keyboard, Shannon  
Stokes, Kaberah Branch, Faustin Cherilus, Director, Jessie Manson,  
Percussionist, Third Row, Tony Page, Percussionist, Christi-Ann  
Caldwell, Latonya Jones, Not pictured: Cory Best, Keith Cherilus,  
Percussionist, Randy Henderson, Reginald Steel (former student)

Faustin Cherilus shows off his singing skills at the '96 Christmas Concert sponsored by The Voices of Weequahic and the Gospel Chorus.



The Voices of Weequahic sing praises to His name. Tonya, Paryss, Faustin, Justin, Edwin, Randy, and Brian, light up the stage.



### EXPLORER CLUB

Mr. Jack Soroka, Advisor

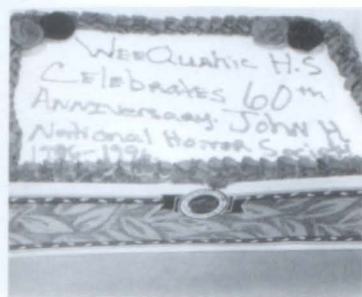
Weequahic students enjoy a musical presentation explaining the real meaning of Christmas.





Two heads are always better than one. Lakeisha Smith and Sekou Bass put their heads together to plan a course of study during class.

This cake was dedicated to the National Honor Society on their Annual Day.



Rasheedah Fant, Lakeasha Robinson, and Adenah Bayoh are "Natural" Honor Society members participating in the 60th Anniversary celebration.

Ms. C. Howard prepares to share in this very special moment during the National Honor Society's festivities.



## Work and Play



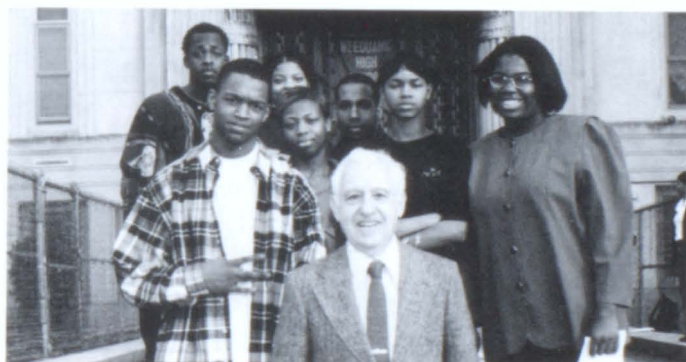
### JOB SURVIVAL CLUB

Front Row: Al-Sharik Glover, Tyneshia Rabb, Katia Buchanan, Second Row: Student, Ms. Rodriguez, Advisor, Mr. S. Freeman, Malika Hill, Marvin Bailey, Not pictured: Jesse Odom, Belinda Jones, Anthony Osit, Shanicka Green, Ryheem Carter, Kenny Smith, Adenah Bayoh



### LIBRARY CLUB

Pictured are Cornelius Livingston (right), Lakeasha Robinson (left), Ms. Chapman, Advisor (center), Not pictured: David Carson, Bobbie Donaldson, Lamar Ford, Safika Frazier, Felicia Jenkins, and Takeria Leath



### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Mr. Jack Soroka, Advisor



## Down to Business



### THE PAN AFRICAN ALLIANCE

Advisor, Mr. C. Stewart, Nmaezi Duru, Debbie Ivey, Christina DuBose, Kevin Scindian, Marvin Bailey, Latasha Verdiner



### PHI BETA PSI

First Row: Paul Boone, Joshua Younger, Hasan Houser, Keith Cherilus, Fuquan Ellison, Shawn Hubbard, Jimmy Eaddy, Advisor, Mr. S. Freeman, Second Row: Jamal Lyles, Eddie Wade, Cory Best, (Not pictured: Faustin Cherilus, Chris Conyers, Malik Perry, Faheem Clark, Chris Coayen, Rahman Vaughn, and Charles Eastering)



### SCHOLAR'S CLUB

First Row: Marvin Brown, Atiya McCallen, Katia Buchanan, Rose Caglius, Antoine McNeil, Shamara Larkins, Second Row: Adena Bayou, Underclassman, Johnnie Turner, Tamara Gray, Salah Williams, Celeste Eaddy, Kizzy Calhoun, Chidi Duru, Third Row: Mrs. Nolley, Advisor, Underclassman, Lakeasha Robinson, Taliyba Heard, Fourth Row: Keith Story, Rhenotha Whitaker, Dante Stuckey, Vaughn Crowe

The Phi Beta Psi/Steppin' Club is counting lots of bank funds at their Bake Sale.

Mr. S. Freeman shows how "frightening he can be!"



Phi Beta Psi/Steppin' Club representin' lovely at the Homecoming Parade.



The Seniors are doin' it up once again at the Bake Sale.



These two young ladies, Latesha Humphrey and Adenah Bayoh, are definitely college material. They strive to survive.



This young man is intelligent and handsome. He loves to have fun, but he knows that without an education, his fun will be limited.



Sonya Thomas and Aisha Arrington have put in a lot of hard work to get to the top. Now they are ready to meet new challenges.



Faustin Cherilus is "looking into the future". He loves to sing with the "Voices" and he will march at graduation with a melody in his feet.

## Something for Everyone



### SCHOOL SERVICE CLUB

Jamal Williams, Myeshia Williams, Shawn Freeman, Maurice Crawford, Rasheed Smith, Advisor, Mr. C. Gottlick. This club performs service related activities around the building in order to make Weequahic High School a better place.



### SEX EQUITY CLUB

Paryss M. Whitaker, Melissa Whitehead, Advisor, Mr. S. Freeman, Al-Sharik Glover, Tynesha Rabb, (Not pictured: Chinique Hutchinson, Ricky Negron, Damion Facey, Linda Taylor, Jamal Williams, Faheem Clark)



### TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUB

Mr. Jack Soroka, Advisor



## Never Lost the Spirit



### THE VOICES OF WEEQUAHIC

Advisor, Mr. C. Stewart (front), and the "Voices": Mary Jones, Christina DuBose, Faustin Cherilus, Edwin Walker, Justin Witherspoon, Keith Cherilus, Paul Lucas, LaTonya Jones, Felicia McGhee, Paryss Whitaker, Jessie Manson, (Not pictured: Lawanda Daugett, Rhenotha Whitaker, Latasha Verdiner, and Rasheedah Fant)



### WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

Dameon Armour, Coyle Collier, Thomas Cornell, Advisor, Mr. C. Gottlick, (Not pictured: Jamaal Smith and Damian Facey) This club meets daily from 7:00-8:15 am. The students use free weights and the Universal equipment to tone and develop their muscles. The club is open to anyone willing to get up early.



### THE 1997 YEARBOOK STAFF

First Row: Kenyatta Steed, Detrick Wessells, Paryss M. Whitaker, Second Row: Felicia Jenkins, Rasheed Smith, Latasha Verdiner, Third Row: Advisor, Mrs. V. Waters, Rhenotha Whitaker, Ta'isha Martin, and Advisor, Mrs. D. Brandon, (Not pictured: Lakeasha Robinson)

The Voices of Weequahic and the Gospel Chorus' special guest sings "Merry Christmas to You"!

Let the good times roll. Students at Weequahic are enjoying the Voices in Concert.



A stage filled with joy. Mr. C. Stewart brings tidings of great joy during the concert.

"Whenever you're ready!" Edwin Walker is ready and waiting on the keyboard.







P O R T S



# Weequahic's Winning Spirit

## Team Roster

Berkley Kingwood  
Quaadir Johnson  
Cornelius Livingston  
Todd Seay  
Jermaine Skinner  
Quadir Overby  
Ben Grice  
Shawn Ray  
Walif Campbell  
Rashien Barnes  
Chris Conyers  
Renaldo Johnson  
Tommy Horton  
Shariff Campbell  
Quran Smith  
Kawan Braswell  
Armond Greene  
Shaon Leary  
Elvio Mancebo  
Miklo Ross  
Curtis Wharton  
Anthony Barber  
Jabir Walton  
Bryan Spencer  
Maurice Baker  
Rasheed Landrum  
Rasheed Smith  
Travis Wiltshire  
Atif Cleveland  
Bernard Davis  
Vaughn Crowe  
Lawrence Finney  
Raheem Lay  
Glenn Graham  
Keith Story  
Cleophas Bell  
Norman Richardson  
Jarrett McLucas  
Shacree Chapman  
Michael Lyles  
Jalil Moore  
Lajuan Pitt  
Raheem Boyd  
Bilal Farrell  
Louis Redding  
Talon Hayes  
Quinn Fulston  
Tajuan Myles  
Edward Morgan  
Rajohn Rice  
Christopher Phillips  
Joshua Younger  
Jamal Williams  
Stanzell Ruth  
Seth Nwoso  
Aaron Scott



## LIKE TRUE NATIVE AMERICANS, THE WEEQUAHIC INDIANS FIND THEIR WINNING SPIRIT

Shariff Campbell carries Weequahic's spirit flag. The Indians hope for a little luck to turn the tide against Morristown, in their homecoming game. Trailing players Vaughn Crowe, Wali Campbell, Armond Greene and Rashid Campbell appear ready for the match-up.



## IT'S NOT ALWAYS ABOUT WINNING, IN HOW WE PLAY THE GAME

Weequahic is lined-up and ready to shoot straight through Morristown's defense, like a speeding arrow. The Indians prepare to throw a passing play that may contribute to a touch down.

## FIRST AND GOAL

Wide-receiver, Rashid Campbell, gets ready to shake and bake with a defensive lineman.



## HEADED FOR A SHOWDOWN

Defensive-linemen, Shariff Campbell runs out to join Weequahic's defensive team.

## THE GAMEPLAN

Players and their coaches huddle to learn what must be done to win the game.





#### THE INDIANS STAY HOT

Kuwan Braswell-52, Bernard Davis-20, Vaughn Crowe-15, and Mikal Ross-42 play back to back to keep the opponents in the hot seat.

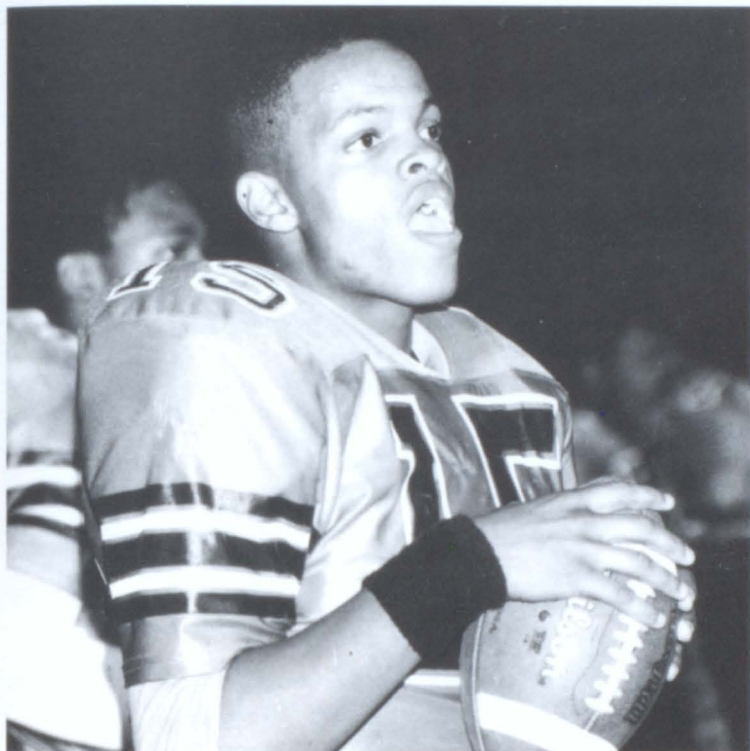
#### TIME TO KEEP COOL

Outside linebacker, Kuran Smith, takes time to cool off during a hard game.



#### DOING A JOB

Herculean efforts by student athletes like Vaughn Crowe and Jabir Walton (foreground), involve long hours of in-season practice and contact sport fatigue, while studying and going to class.



#### A WINNING STYLE

Wali Campbell-77, Shawn Ray-78 and Quadir Overby-85 join hands to symbolize an unbeaten spirit.

#### COPING WITH A TOUGH LOSS

Quarterback, Vaughn Crowe, coach Burney Adams and wide-receiver Rashid Campbell, attempt to cope with a loss by working through an important play.





## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

*What was the single most interesting thing that happened to you all season?*

"At Science High when the ball came over the net, I hit it back over on one knee." -- Latasha Verdiner

*What key play kept the team winning?*

"Constant motivation and teamwork; talking to each other and thanking each other after a good game." -- Renaude Cagilus



Coach Ileathern McCleod

**THE COMEBACK**  
Debbie Ivy, Coach McCleod, Keisha Henderson, Latasha Verdiner, and Payriss Whitaker prepare to compete in a three game series.

**FOUL**  
Debbie Ivy, Shannon Evans, Adenah Bayou and Syretta Gibson get the ball over the net after a few tense seconds.



### EYE ON THE BALL

Getting it right means keeping your 'eyes on the ball'. Many hours of pre-season practice helps Paryss Whitaker, Syretta Gibson, Debbie Ivy, Renaude Cagilus, and Tamara Grey do exactly that. These girls worked especially hard during practice.



### ONE SPIKE AWAY

Latasha Verdiner remains ready by showing an intense interest in winning. When the perfect opportunity comes for her to spike the ball, she does it.

### IT'S ALL IN THE PRACTICE

After a few high-impact drills, Paryss Whitaker, Renaude Cagilus, Yassriyyah Asberry, Keisha Henderson, and Shafeqah Calder share a special moment.







**Celeste Eaddy, Ms. Cheerleader**

**THE PRIDE IS BACK:** Ms. Eaddy wears her smile and crown with Weequahic High School pride. Go Indians!



**KICKIN' UP THEIR HEELS:** Terrimah Daniels (front), Pamela Estes (middle), and Tamikah McCluney (back), are gettin' ready to kick up their heels once again. You go girls!!



**HAD TO BE THERE:** Rain or shine, hot or cold, the mighty Weequahic High School cheerleaders were ready to demonstrate their school spirit for the football team and their fans. This year the squad was led by Captains, Celeste Eaddy (front row left) and Yassriyyah Asberry (front row middle).

### CHEERLEADERS

Faith Anderson  
Yassriyyah Asberry  
Quensheta Bradley  
Khalilah Carter  
Nicole Covington  
Terrimah Daniels  
Alfreda Davis  
Celeste Eaddy  
Pamela Estes  
Khabeerah Horne  
Halimah Jacobs  
Rasheerah Landrum  
Tamikah McCluney  
LaToya Morton  
Anijah Pringle  
Danielle Walton  
Lakesha Williams



## THE 1996-1997 WEEQUAHIC HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING SQUAD

Advisor: Ms. Lynelle Dawson



H I G H

# THE PACK IS BACK

F I V E



*How do you feel before every game?*

"Before every game the feeling is something special. Everytime we take the floor we have to play every game like it's our last." - Al Malik Collins



*What was the best moment in the season for you?*

"The best moment in this season was when I first dunked on somebody. It felt so good to do that." - Terek Wright



*How do you balance athletics with academics?*

"The basketball team has a study program. It allows us to keep our grades up and play ball at the same time." - Dana Fryer



*What made away games different from home games?*

"At the away games, you always expect to get the call. At home games you never expect to get the calls." - Jessie Mansion



*What one moment made you most proud to be a part of this team?*

"When we pulled together like a family, and bounced back after forfeiting five victories." - Cleophas Bell

## Varsity Basketball



### HEATING UP

Guard, Cleophas Bell, knows how to hold on to the ball, as he tires out his Livingston opponent. The Indians played hard. They played with spirit.

### IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL

Ravanail Hayes prepares to shoot over his opponents. Our players out performed many of their league teams this season.



### GET FOCUSED, GET SET

The Indians prepare to tie one on to their unbeaten string. What has become increasingly clear is that these guys want to play and plan to win.

### SWEET JUMPER

With a flick of his wrist Leon Lucas sends a 15-footer up for two points. "That was probably one of the most competitive games this season," said Lucas.



### SLAM DUNK

At 6'8 you know that Terek Wright would have the upper hand when it comes to making a power play.

### DANA DOMINATES

Even under pressure Dana Fryer manages to get off a shot.

### ALL FOR ONE

Winning as a team is exactly what Jessie Mansion-23, Terek Wright-50, and Dana Fryer-21 interact to do, as they all assist in pulling down a rebound.



### NOT THIS TIME

As he dripples past his opponent, guard, Vaughn Crowe, turns up court to put the 'freeze on'. Livingston just couldn't escape a Weequahic win.



### VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Pictured left to right in the back row are: Jeronne Williams, Al Malik Collins, Terek Wright, Ravanail Hayes, Antwoine Hughes, Vaughn Crowe, Coach Frank Gavin; front row: Chris Butler, Leon Lucas, Cleophas Bell, Hakeem Bryant, Jessie Mansion and Dana Fryer.



# SEASON WRAP UP



## JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Pictured left to right in the back row are: Coach Porter, Al-Terek Evans, Antoine Hughes, Dante Stucky, Todd Caldwell, Maurice Bullock and Hakeem Bryant; kneeling down are: Tony Page, Christopher Butler, Reggie Gadston and Quadir Madison.



## FRESHMEN BASKETBALL TEAM

Pictured left to right are: Tarmorris Jeggitt, Jamal Williams, Coach Derrick Butler, Al-Terek Evans, Lawrence Finney, Atif Cleveland, and Berkley Kingwood; kneeling down are: Charles Moore, Michael Lyle, Ramadan Madison, Ramon Page, Robert Hearn, and Anwar Madison.

## SCORING TOUCH

During the last half of the game, Hareem Bryant travels down full court for a lay-up, despite pressure from behind.



## HOT HAND

Quadir Madison finds an open pass to Dante Stucky, as they cut through a screen of players. His decision was made at exactly the right time. Their efforts contributed to an official win.

## GAME FOCUS STARTS EARLY

The Junior Varsity's full-squad is getting ready for the game. This year's team gave an outstanding performance. They are quickly rising to the top.





# COMPETING

"The game ain't over till it's over." -- Yogi Berra





It's all in the attitude!

## HOOPS ROUND-UP



**SENIOR HOOPSTERS:** This year the Varsity team was led by such outstanding players as Tamara Gray, Yassriyyah Asberry, Juanita Days, and Halimah Jacobs. Reaching the rim and nothing but net was their speciality.



**STUDENT-ATHLETE:** Tamara Gray demonstrates her leadership skills on and off the court. This young lady scores points with both her teachers and her coaches.



**DRIBBLE, PASS, SHOOT:** GIRL'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM Although the Lady Indians faced a challenging season, it was their school spirit which propelled them onto a court game after game. This year's squad included: Tamara Gray, Lawanda Daugett, Halimah Jacobs, Sakiyna Williams, Juanita Days, Yassriyyah Asberry, Shadeta Robinson, and Lakedra Hunter.







#### TIME-OUT: GIRLS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

With the '96-'97 basketball season over, these young ladies are looking toward next year as a building year. Sticking together and playing as a cohesive unit will put them on the road to success. Pictured: Chanae Ligons, Alfreda Davis, Danielle Smith, Tyquonna McKinney, Tabeeba Rahman, Kabeerah Horne, Lakedra Hunter, Shadeta Robinson, Shafiqah Sykes, Lawanda Daugett, and Nicole Heard



**GAME PREPARATIONS:** Senior, Halimah Jacobs, warms up with her teammates prior to each game. Adequately preparing benefits both the mind and body.

**GAME FOCUS STARTS EARLY:** Point guard, Yassriyyah Asberry, practices her foul shooting because she knows the value of a clutch free throw in a game situation.



#### '96-'97 SCHEDULE

##### DECEMBER

20 Roxbury

##### JANUARY

3 Columbia  
7 Randolph  
10 East Orange  
14 West Morris Central  
17 Livingston  
21 Morristown  
24 Morris Knolls  
29 Bloomfield Tech  
31 Roxbury

##### FEBRUARY

4 Columbia  
6 Randolph  
11 East Orange  
13 West Morris Central  
18 Livingston  
20 Morristown  
25 Morris Knolls  
27 Newark Tech

**Coach: R. Jackson**  
**Assistant: P. Young**



#### PRE-GAME RITUALS:

Coach Robert Jackson is surrounded by his players Tyquonna McKinney, Tabeeba Rahman, Lakedra Hunter, Lawanda Daugett, Shadeta Robinson, Juanita Days, and Halimah Jacobs, as he discusses last minute game instructions. Executing the right play at the right time can be the difference between two points and a turnover. Coach Jackson and Coach Young want to make sure that every trip down the court results in a basket..



# Take it to the Limit

## Track and Field

### INDOOR SCHEDULE OF MEETS:

#### December:

MAC Meet  
FDU Games  
Seton Hall Games  
Essex County Relays

#### Essex County Championships

Milrose Games  
Varsity Classic  
State Group Championships  
Meet of Champions  
Eastern States Championships

#### January:

Milrose Games Trials  
Ridgewood Winter Games  
Fast Times Relays  
Iron Hills Conference  
Yale Invitational  
Ridgewood Winter Games II  
State Relay Championships  
Frosh-Soph-Novice Champs

#### March:

MAC Meet  
National Championships

**Head Coach: James Carter**

**Assistant Coach: Patrick Garretson**



#### PUT YOUR BEST FOOT

**FORWARD:** Rasheed Smith takes a break in between heats. He knows what it takes to chase a title.

#### VETERAN RUNNERS:

Seniors Jessie Manson (kneeling), Rasheed Smith, Corneilus Livingston, and Raheem Lay (l-r) are among WHS finest.



*"I feel that I am a more disciplined competitor this year. By listening to my coaches I have increased my times."*

*Corneilus Livingston*

#### Team Roster

Derrick Alexander  
Jurisha Boone  
Jerome Copeland  
Antoine Daley  
Glen Graham  
Earl Johnson  
George Johnson  
Raheem Lay  
Corneilus Livingston  
Jarrett McLucas  
Rasheed Smith



#### RACING FOR THE CROWN:

LaShanna King competes in the trials of the 55 meter dash. Getting through one race or event at a time is a good motto to live by.





**GET IN GEAR:**  
 Rasheed Smith prepares to run the 400 meters. He is truly focused on being the first one to cross the finish line.



**SOMEONE TO CHEER FOR:**  
 Freshman County champion in the 55 meters and 400 meters, Glen Graham, strikes a winner's circle pose.



**GO FOR THE GOLD:**  
 The Group II State Championship 1600 meter relay team consists of: (l-r) Rasheed Smith, George Johnson, Jerome Smith, and Raheem Lay.



**NO HOLDING BACK:**  
 Raheem Lay, second from the right, is on the line for the 800 meter run. Getting off to a good start can mean the difference between first and last place.

Team Roster

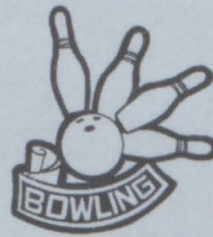
- Jennieve Brummel
- Latoya Evans
- Juanita Frazier
- Sajata Henry
- LaShanna King
- Tanisha Parker
- Walika Perry
- Tish Sams
- Alnisha Smith
- Maurisa White
- Wakilia Williams



*"When you're in the lead never look back and when you're in the back always stay focused on who's in the lead."*  
 Rasheed Smith



**WHAT A POSE:** Aaron Scott goes for it all. With his perfect form and style we're sure those pins did not have a chance.



**"STRIKE  
IT RICH!!"**

**CITY WIDE CHAMPIONS:**

***Bowling Team Goes Undefeated at 72 and 0***



**THE TOP TEN PINS:** Coach Reggie Brown is surrounded by his top ten bowlers. Out rolling their opponents became second nature to these athletes. Pictured: Aziza Ismail, Antera Watts, Alturquan Pair, Cha-Netta Odom, Shamar Reddich, Aaron Scott, Indrees Qawiy, Keith Story, and Salah Williams, Not pictured, Chao Coleman

**CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH BROWN AND  
AWARD WINNING BOWLING TEAM!**  
The Weequahic High School Family



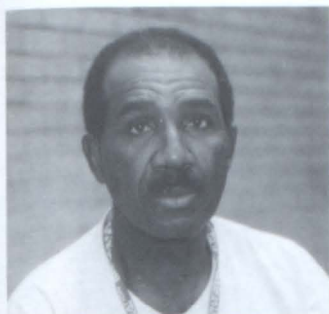
**Weequahic High School's '96-'97 Bowling Team**  
Coach: Reggie Brown



**SENIORS DO IT WITH STYLE TO SPARE:** Keith Story, Indrees Qawiy, Linda Smith, Alturquan Pair, Tanya Smith, Antera Watts, Cha-Netta Odom, Keisha Henderson, LaTasha Verdiner, Theodore Bryant, Salah Williams, Al-Tariq Glover, and Celeste Eaddy



## WRESTLING



Coach James Williams

*How has weight training improved your athletic performance?*

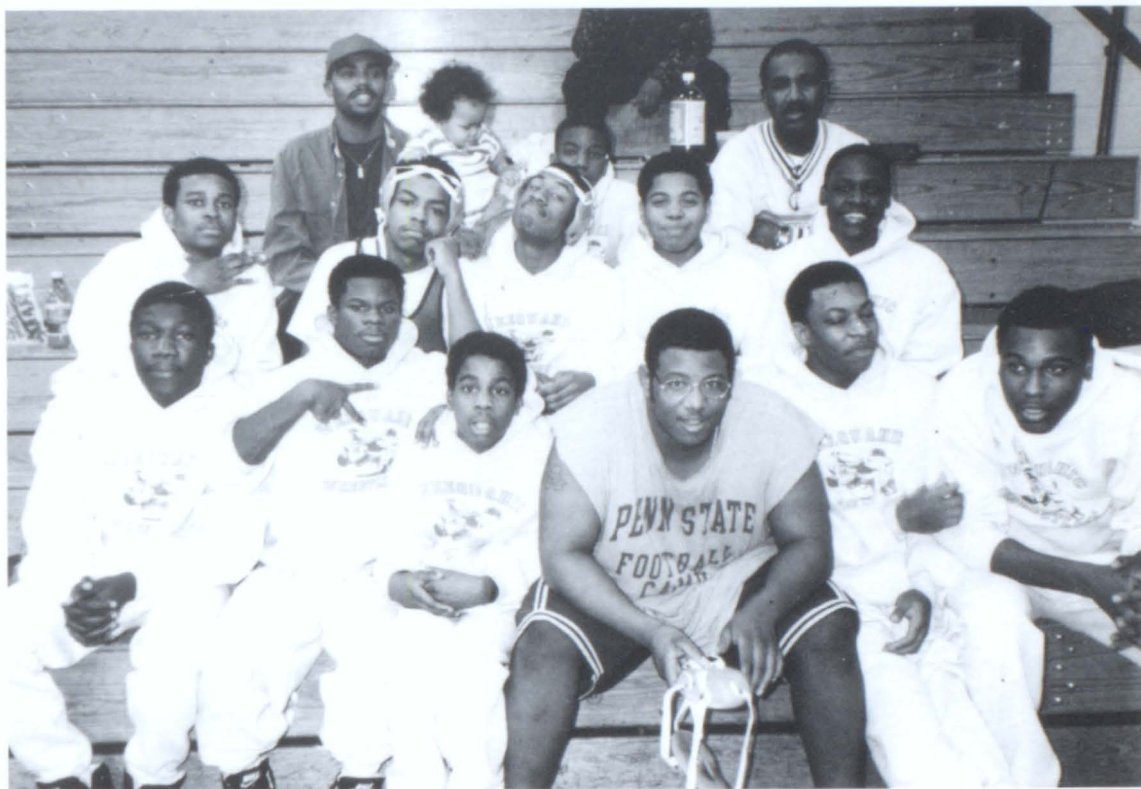
"I have to fit weight training into my schedule because it helps me remain flexible while allowing me to build bulk." - Calvin Blue



Assistant Coach Charles Gottlick

### TAKING CONTROL

It's match day and Shaquan Humphries tries to take control over Thomas Cornell. Cornell weighs 152 pounds. The team uses specific weight training activities to improve their performance. "I run a few miles after school, two or three days a week, and that kinda helps me with my weight training too," said Humphries.



### WRESTLING TEAM

Pictured left to right (bottom row) Paul Annin, Rasheed Campbell, Dana Matthews, Armond Green, Bernard Davis, Calvin Blue; middle row-Travis Wiltshire, Shaquan Humphries, Coyle Collier, Shacree Chapman; top row-James Middleton, former Weequahic wrestler and team helper, Ileshia Middleton (team mascot), Alwadu Latif and Coach Williams.



### TIGHT ACTION

Alwadu Latif doesn't ignore the sidelines. Sideline coaching instructions helped him through a difficult match.

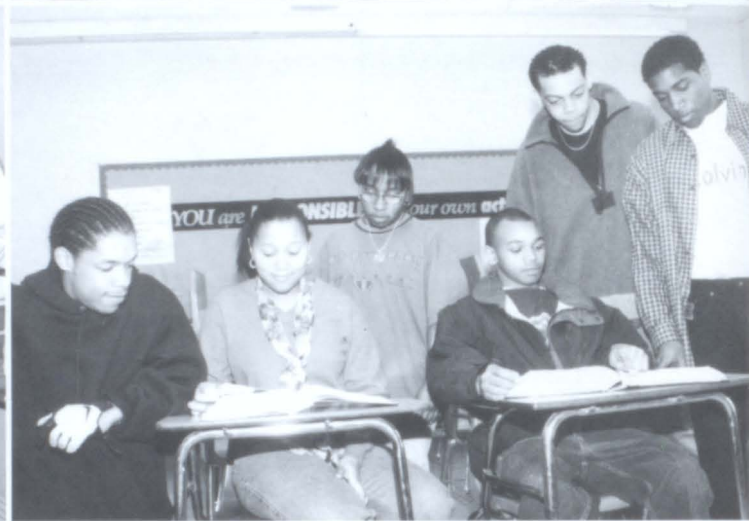
### WARMING UP

Heavy weight Armond Green tries to 'body slam', but Calvin Blue stretches out his body in a very unique angle to prevent it.





# Year In Review





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# WORLD

## WORLD NEWS

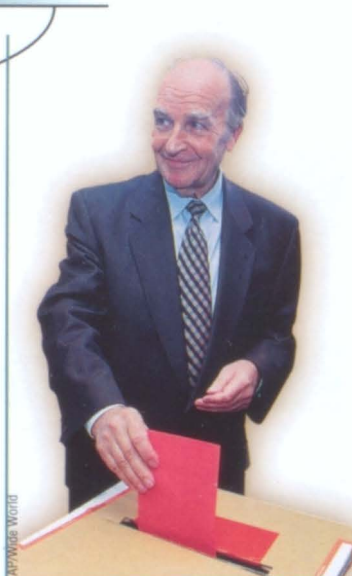
### flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



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In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

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Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



Agence France-Presse

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



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More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



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Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

Tim Graham, Sygma



WORLD



# NATIONAL

NATIONAL NEWS



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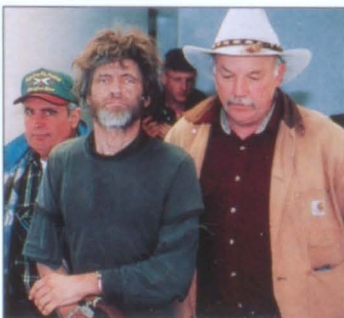


Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.

AP/Wide World



Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Derek Pruitt, Gamma Liaison



Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.

## flash

The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



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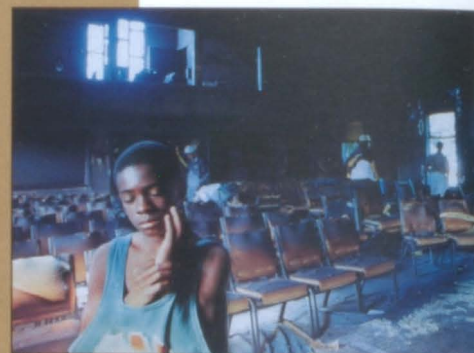


Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.



Arson against African-

American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



AP/Wide World



One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.



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On August 11, a boater rescues

10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.



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William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



Jonathan Albano/Zuma



A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.



AP/Wide World



Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.



The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



AP/Wide World



Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.



AP/Wide World



Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.



Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise



All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



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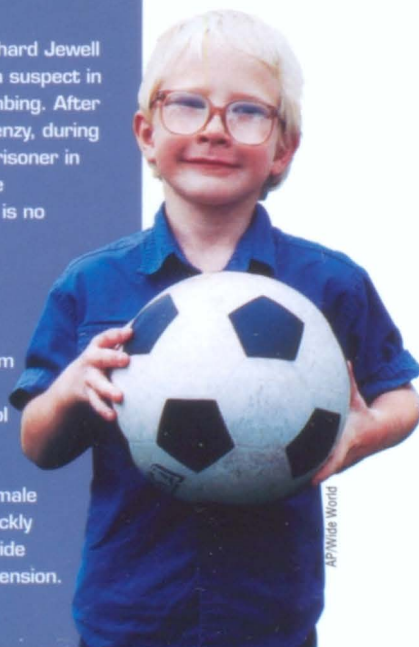
Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison



Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.



Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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# SCIENCE

## SCIENCE



### flash

A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

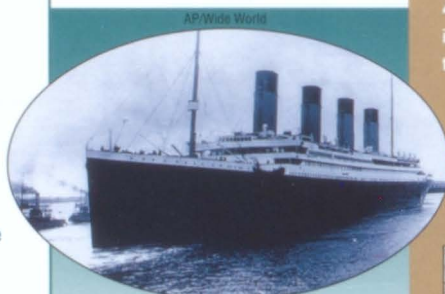
Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."



Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.



In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



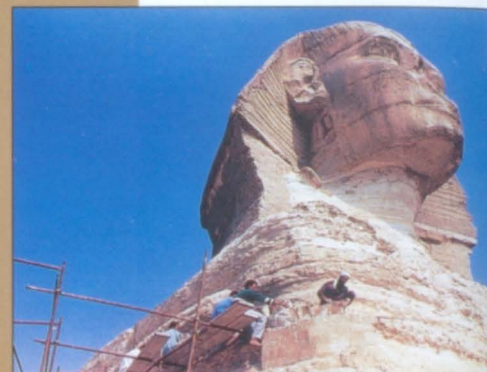
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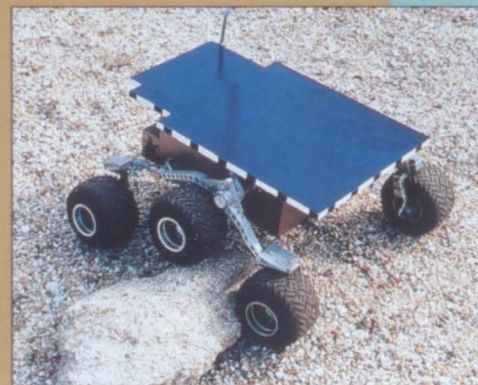
American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.



Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



AP/Wide World



NASA



The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named *Sojourner*, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft, launched in December. *Sojourner*, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.



Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.

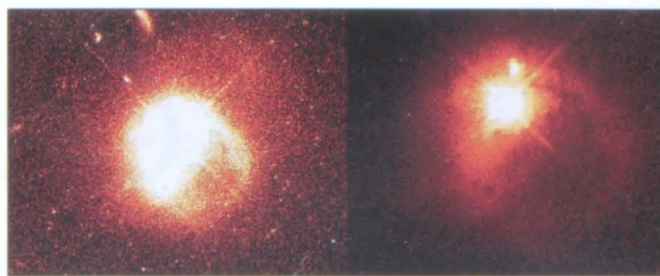


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© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium, Photography by Randy Wilder



California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



AP/Wide World

Steam and ash from Iceland's Laki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.



O. Spa Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O<sub>2</sub> Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



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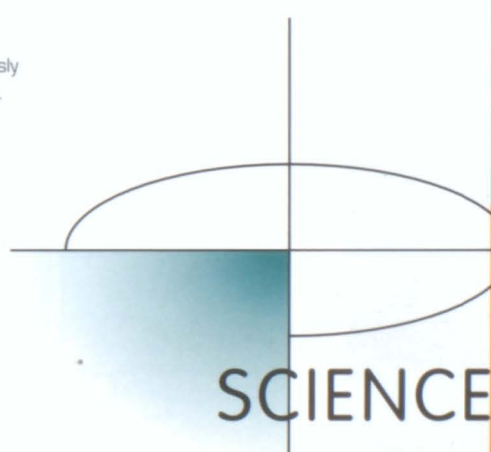
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The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



Nick Carrillo/Chap





# FACES

FACES

## flash

Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Frangrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.


The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.


Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison



 Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

AP/Wide World





 In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



AP/Wide World




 "The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.

 Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.





AP/Wide World



 Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

AP/Wide World

 Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

 In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



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Steve Granitz, Retna





Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



AP/Wide World

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



AP/Wide World

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.



John F. Kennedy Library

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



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Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.



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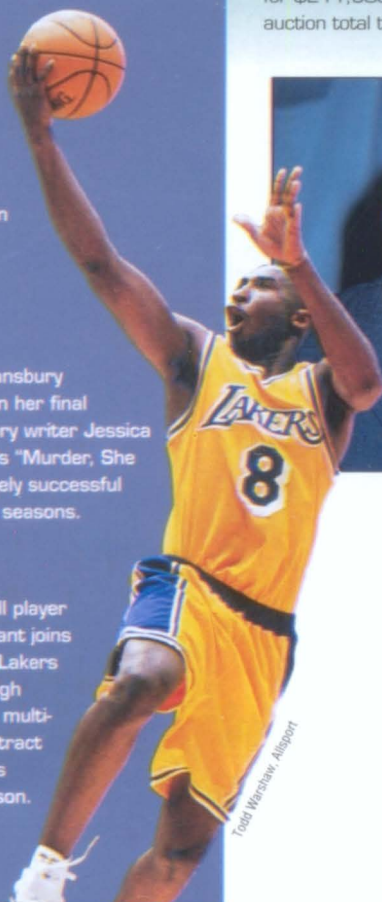
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



Universal City from Shooting Star

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



Todd Warshaw, Allsport



Lee / Archive Photos

As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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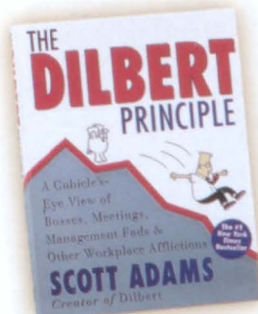
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

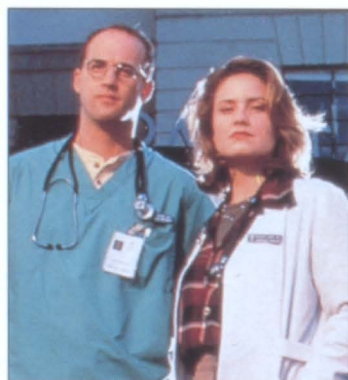


Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

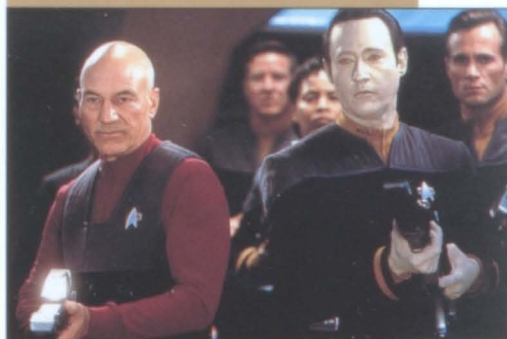
20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaptation of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.







20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kobal

 Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

 Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.




20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

 In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.





Paramount from Shooting Star

 Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



NBC from Shooting Star

 John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.


 Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Warner Bros. from Kobal





CBS from Shooting Star

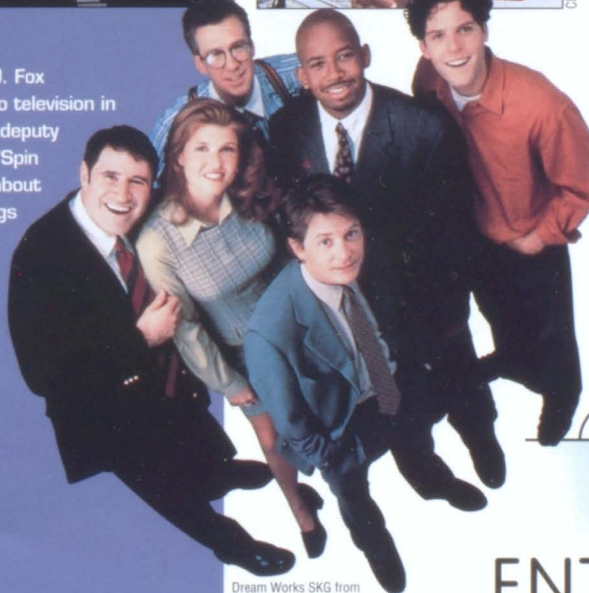
 America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



From Baz Luhrmann from Shooting Star

 Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

 Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

ENTERTAINMENT



# MUSIC

MUSIC

## flash

Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, *Slash's Blues Ball*, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Malenta, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Tim Moseneider, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.

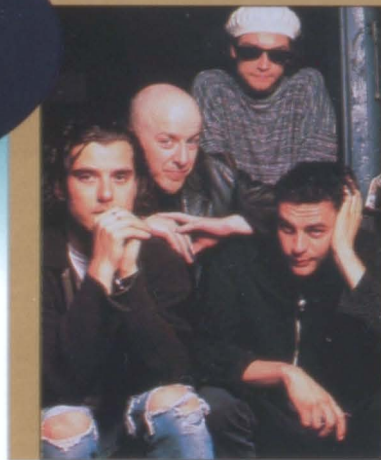


Kipa, LGI

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Jane Huntington, LGI



Steve Jaramona, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



Steve Jaramona, LGI

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



Reuters/Archive Photos

After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.





Steve Jennings, LGI



No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."



Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Audie Starr, LGI



George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI



The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odyssey*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/LGI from LGI



Lisa Levine, LGI



Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.



The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



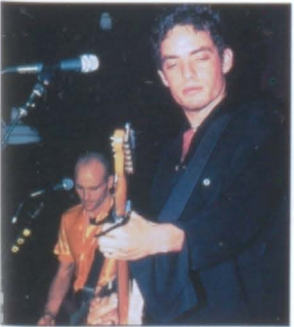
Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



AP / Wide World



The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.



James L. Lance, LGI



Beck, LGI

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# SPORTS

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### flash

Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

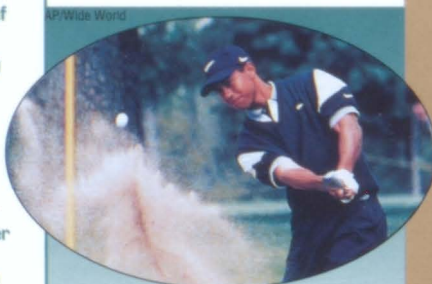
Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

Canapress



Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

AP/Wide World



Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



Al Bello, Allsport



Reuters/Archive Photos

Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.





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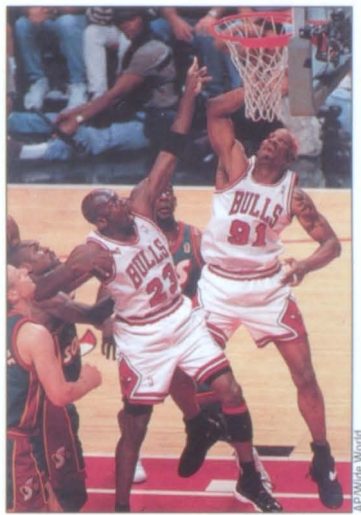





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 The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

 U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



AP/Wide World

 The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.




AP/Wide World

 U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.





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 April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



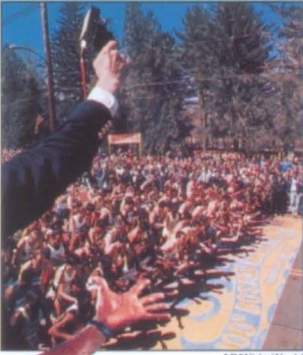
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 Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.


 Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.

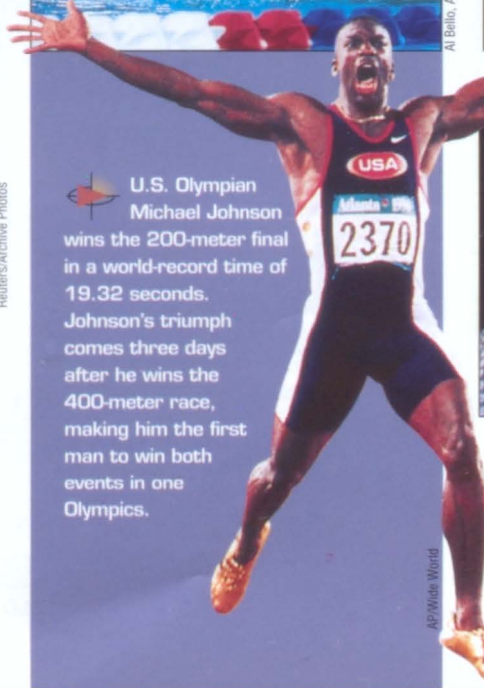


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 U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



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 Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



Reuters/Archive Photos

 Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.



# LIFESTYLE

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Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

My Twinn Doll Company



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.

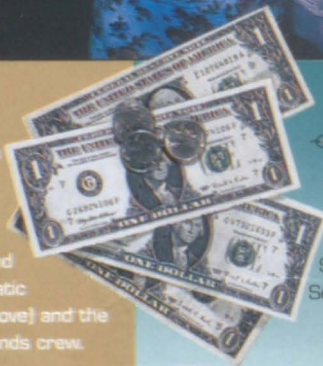


Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



Monica Almeida, NYT Pictures

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101

*Dalmatians* inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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# Year In Review





# CLASS OF '97 SENIOR PROM: "UNDERNEATH THE STARS" WEST ORANGE MANOR, JUNE 5, 1997

## WELCOME TO THE MANOR:

"A gracious manor house set in acres of magnificent formal gardens combining distinctive gourmet cuisine, superb service, and elegant decor."

## FOUR STAR COUPLE:

Latifa Dean and escort, Theodore Bryant, strike a starlike pose in the formal banquet facility. Prom goes never had it so good!



## NO ORDINARY PLACE:

The Manor's uniqueness is evident by its classic decorative style. Latifa and Theodore take a moment to enjoy this pleasant setting.

## COMFORT ZONE:

Too much dancing could surely tire a person out. Latifa and Theodore know how to relax and delight in this cozy hide-a-way.





**AWARD WINNING LANDMARK:**

With its high standards, it's not surprising that The Manor has received numerous awards. It has been recognized nationally and has coveted many top honors.

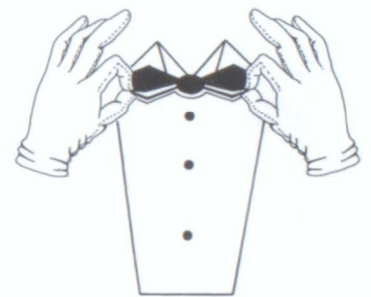
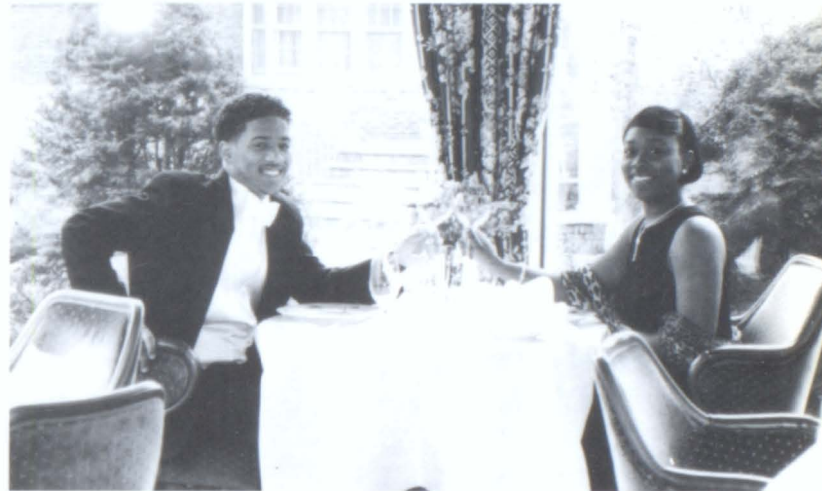


**MADE-TO-ORDER:**

A beautiful table setting, fine food, and the smell of fresh flowers enhances the overall ambiance of this prestigious establishment.

**EXCLUSIVELY YOURS:**

The Manor's staff looks forward to the pleasure of your company. From start to finish your dining needs are a priority. Just ask Latifa and Theodore as they share a special 'toast'.

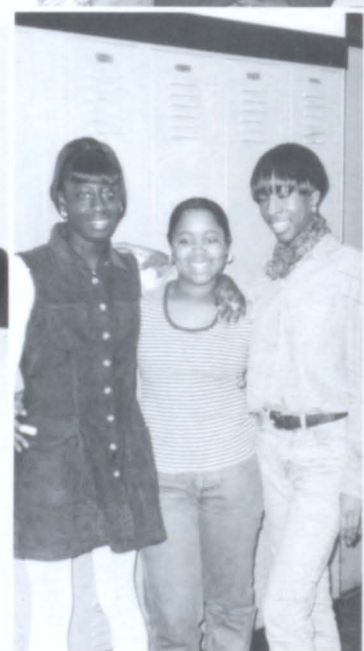


**PICTURE PERFECT:**

This setting is about as close as one is able to come to perfection. All couples will shine under the moonlit skies. This evening is sure to be a memory maker.



# Best Friends





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*"Faith can give us courage to face uncertainties of the future."*

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Words...Upon Retirement

The Legend staff considers it an honor to be allowed to acknowledge the work of four individuals who have made our school a pleasant place to be. The generosity of their time and effort has been inspiring and in many cases sacrificial. Mr. Saunders Davis, Mrs. Mary Canady, Mrs. Martha Nolley and Mr. Jack Soroka have been our school's greatest allies and a teacher's truest friend.

We would indeed be ungrateful if we did not take a moment to say farewell to these nice people who came to work in our school many years ago, and to say a few words about the way each has worked to make Weequahic a success.

At times it appeared that Mr. Soroka was doing the job of several people. His persistency and enthusiasm made whatever he campaigned for a success. He accepted his work as a challenge and carried his students over many obstacles.

We wish to thank Mrs. Nolley, and her husband, for their years of

generosity to the student-athletes. She never forgot that they had a story to tell. She saw many needs in our building and always managed to meet that need with a generous gift.

During the last few years Mr. Davis was asked to undertake a task knowing how many hours it would call for personally, but he did it without hesitation.

Mrs. Canady is always busy making things go for our school. When she can not go herself she makes certain to send another. She applied herself to each and every task.

Let us say congratulations on your retirement. Your influence will inspire us as we make plans for the future. Rest from your labors. You have worked long and well. Your works will follow you. We will remember your days here with joy and hope you will always come back when opportunity affords itself. May life's richest blessings be yours and be assured of our love and regard always.



Mrs. Mary Canady, Clerk



Mr. Saunders Davis, Guidance Department Chairperson



Mrs. Martha Nolley, Science Teacher



Mr. Jack Soroka, Guidance Counselor



# Homeroom Hot Spots





## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We take with us the many memories we have acquired over the past four years. We also take along with us on our life's journey, the many fond thoughts and best wishes from the entire Weequahic High School family. Faculty, staff, and fellow graduates, bequeath to you the following messages of encouragement:

Rely on the higher source from which success and prosperity come. Shana Walker

Don't use ignorance to understand something or someone different. Pete Kelly

The will to finish the race. Ms. L. Redd

Success is granted to those who work hard at it. Latrisha Martin

Faith is the substance of things. Hope for the evidence of things not seen. Cornelius Livingston

Your tomorrows are your children, your yesterdays are your children, all you have is today! Rashawn Howard

Faith, honesty, dignity, punctuality, compassion, empathy, knowledge, respect, harmony, and peace. Ms. Delaney

Pass the HSPT, if not, you will forever be harassed. Latesha Humphrey

Great things can be achieved with self-motivation. Mrs. H. Law

I will leave my dignity and knowledge to everyone. Lisa Estes

Class of '97: I love you man, (and woman)! Mustafa Thomas

Good luck in the future, Ms. King. Tanha Curry

No mas trabajo. Take a break! Mrs. D. Llano-Andrade

Debug your problems; analyze your skills and opportunities; and execute your potentials!! Mrs. E. Haden

Mr. Grove...I leave you all of my notes for verification. Sameerah Beasley

The love we desire is already within us. Ms. C. Johnson

We have all unlocked the magic, now let's just try to use it. Rasheed Smith

Responsibility is everything, so it's best that you learn it now. Kizzy Calhoun

We all have a purpose in life, a reason for existing. Seek and find yours and reap the blessings of pure happiness.

Ms. I. Riley

Ms. King, thank you for being my teacher, mother, mentor and confidant. Cha-Netta Odom.

Sameerah, Sheda, Shauna, and Niesha, stay cool to yourself and each other. Tonisha Lowe

Tamara, Kirah, Meerah and Tamika: You are friends that I will never forget. Denise Ramsey

Mrs. Northcutt you are a very smart and special lady. Lakeisha Wright

Live your life to the fullest. Candice Cooke



The wisdom to learn from those who have traveled down the same road. Mr. R. Oliver

Always keep the faith. Aishia Gilchrist

A valid coupon for one free schedule change. Mr. S. Davis

Good luck to the Class of '97 in your future careers. Elvio Mancebo

Mrs. Stackhouse, keep up the good work. Debbie Ivy

Thanks for everything, Mrs. Nolley. Steven Ham

Things may have been rough, but you did it. Snoop

Be all you know you can be, Ms. Floyd! Zykia Johnson

Saber es poder. Ms. M. Hardy

People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be. Malika Terry

If you don't stand up for something, you'll fall for anything! Kenyatta Steed

It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees. Fight hard for all of life's pleasures and opportunities.  
Jennieve Brummel

Always follow your dreams and goals. Qwensheta Bradley

Learn the game before you begin to play. Rashedah Fant

Mrs. Stackhouse, I leave you my sister so you can work her as hard as you worked me. Paryss Whitaker

I leave you the determination to single-mindedly pursue the goal you choose. Mrs. J. Exum

Good luck to the remaining classes of Weequahic High School. Jamall Williams

It's not worth it to play and joke around, be serious because life is not a fun game to play. Latasha Verdiner

You have to learn it, to earn it. Sonya Thomas

Your mind is like a parachute, it has to open to work. Ms. C. Rice

I leave you the dream of having my kingship. Nathaniel Escobar Copeland

I leave you all the bad kids I had to deal with Ms. Peele. Gertrude Pompilus

I wish you all the best. Much luck Class of '98. Dorian Rochester

Mr. J. Williams, I leave you my gratitude, love, and respect for making my bad days good. Latifah Conover

Mr. J. Williams, I'm leaving you my happiest thoughts of second period. Your the best Gym teacher of '97. Latasha Foushee

I leave the Class of 2000 the Indian for pride and a goal for success. Shariff Campbell

I leave the gift of life. Your life has just begun. Make the most of it! Wydiah Marsett

Allow no room in your life for negative people. Mrs. D. Brandon

Mrs. McLeod...Less exercise, more activity. Myeshia Williams

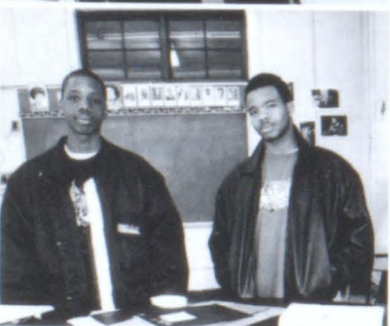
Ms. A. Williams, the sweetest woman I've ever known, I'll miss you. Yassriyyah Asberry

Mrs. A. Williams, I will always remember you as one of my best teachers. Linda Taylor

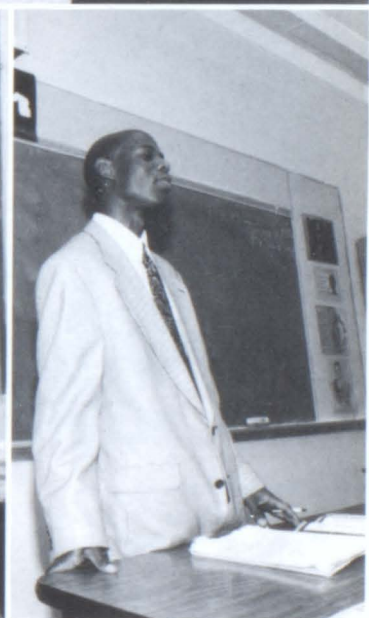
You have to be in it to win it. Love Ms. Weequahic '97, Sameerah Marshall

Seniors...In your next life a Wendy's and Kennedy's will be on site. Ms. L. White













**SISTER ACT:** Real-life sisters Paryss Whitaker, Senior Editor, and Rhenotha Whitaker, Junior Editor, shared the joys and responsibilities this year. Hard work is not a stranger to these fine young ladies.

**WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY:** Staff members Paryss Whitaker, Lakeasha Robinson, Rhenotha Whitaker, and Kenyatta Steed worked diligently to meet their deadlines.



**TEAM WORK:** Rhenotha and Paryss utilized every opportunity to confer on the progress of this publication. Their comfort and knowledge with working on the computer was tapped often by both the staff and advisors on many occasions.

## READY FOR INSPECTION: "A Message from the Yearbook Staff"

It is hard to believe that the long awaited final deadline has passed and the 1997 *Legend* has been put to bed. It is difficult to describe the fun and pleasure we experienced transforming all of the collected material into a polished book. Planning and designing this yearbook has provided us with many invaluable lessons. We are most proud of the fact that we have had the opportunity to be a part of producing Weequahic High School's first computer generated yearbook. Our commitment to the use of technology is unshakable. The valuable skills learned by the students are immeasurable. They will be able to carry them into all of their future endeavors.

This publication is the result of a collaborative effort. It is with utmost gratitude that we recognize the efforts of those individuals who devoted a significant portion of this school year to this work. Without the assistance of our staff this publication would not have become a reality. We extend a heart felt thanks to our seniors Felicia Jenkins, Ta'isha Martin, Kenyatta Steed, Rasheed Smith, Latasha Verdiner, and our Senior Editor, Paryss Whitaker. We would also like to thank and acknowledge our underclassmen Lakeasha Robinson, Detrick Wessells, and our Junior Editor, Rhenotha Whitaker. We unequivocally appreciate everything that was done.

The Yearbook Staff would also like to especially acknowledge Mr. C. Meadows, Principal, for providing us with the "prime location" office space, as well as, for his words of support and encouragement. There are not enough ways to say thank you to Mr. R. Oliver for his willingness to "share" his computer. Without his generosity our efforts to incorporate technology into our publication would not have been possible. We would also like to express our most sincere thanks to Mrs. D. Rashid. Without her urging neither one of us would have accepted this most awesome challenge. Her advice, her confidence in our abilities, her cooperation, and her willingness to assist us in any way needed, made our job much easier. We also appreciate all of the guidance and motivation we received from the staff, faculty, and students. The cooperative spirit we received was invaluable.

The Yearbook Staff has attempted to capture a portion of The Class of '97's "final walk through" Weequahic High School. We hope we were successful! May this book be a source of past, present, and future remembrances. We leave you this book and the wish that you will know limitless possibilities and freedom to be yourself!

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!!

Deborah Brandon  
Co-Advisor

Velda Waters  
Co-Advisor







